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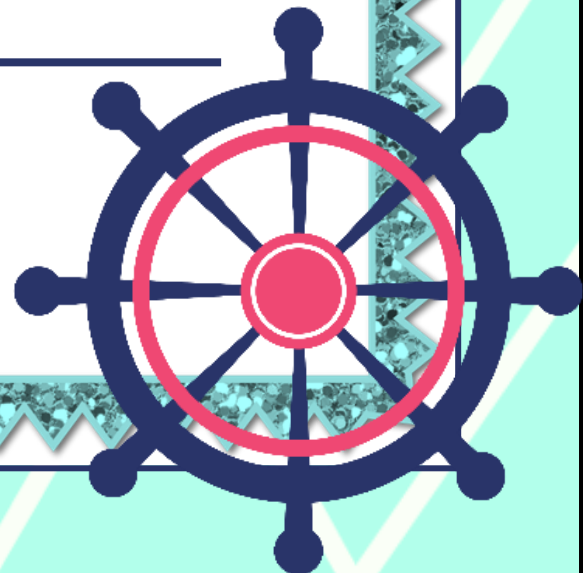
Summer
PACKET

6-8th Grade

Name: _____

SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE

SECOND LADY USHA VANCE



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In preparation for the 2026–2027 school year and to support continued academic growth, the curriculum team at AcadeMir Charter Schools has developed grade-level summer learning assignments designed to help prevent the “summer slide” and keep students academically engaged throughout the summer months. This year, we are excited to partner with the Second Lady’s Summer Reading Challenge to further promote literacy and foster a love of reading among our students and families. While students will still be required to read their assigned grade-level summer novel, the novel will now count as one of the twelve books submitted as part of the Summer Reading Challenge.

Research consistently shows that regular reading supports long-term academic success and cognitive development. We encourage families to make reading both enjoyable and meaningful throughout the summer. All students are required to complete the Summer Reading Challenge and read their assigned grade-level novel. Students should also be prepared to discuss their literary journey with classmates when school resumes. The assigned summer novel assignment is due on the first day of school, and the completed Summer Reading Challenge submission is due on September 4, 2026. We greatly appreciate your partnership and support in helping your child remain engaged, inspired, and academically prepared throughout the summer break.

Warm regards,
AcadeMir Charter Schools Administration

Estimados Padres y Tutores:

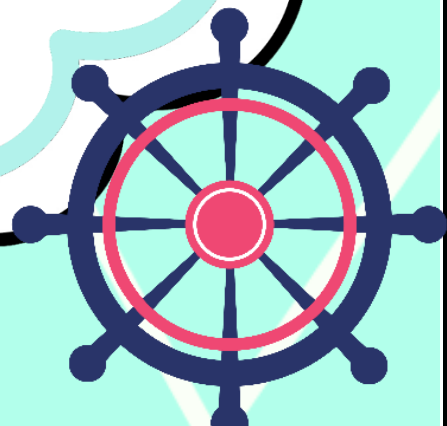
Como preparación para el año escolar 2026–2027 y con el propósito de apoyar el continuo crecimiento académico de nuestros estudiantes, el equipo curricular de AcadeMir Charter Schools ha desarrollado actividades de aprendizaje de verano por nivel escolar, diseñadas para ayudar a prevenir el “summer slide” o pérdida de aprendizaje durante el verano y mantener a los estudiantes académicamente comprometidos. Este año, nos complace asociarnos con el Summer Reading Challenge de la Segunda Dama para continuar promoviendo la alfabetización y fomentar el amor por la lectura entre nuestros estudiantes y familias. Aunque los estudiantes seguirán teniendo la obligación de leer la novela asignada para su grado escolar, dicha novela contará como uno de los doce libros requeridos para completar el Summer Reading Challenge.

Las investigaciones demuestran consistentemente que la lectura regular favorece el éxito académico y el desarrollo cognitivo a largo plazo. Motivamos a las familias a hacer de la lectura una experiencia agradable y significativa durante el verano. Todos los estudiantes deberán completar el Summer Reading Challenge y leer la novela asignada para su grado escolar. Además, los estudiantes deberán estar preparados para compartir y discutir su experiencia literaria con sus compañeros al inicio del nuevo año escolar. La asignación de la novela de verano deberá entregarse el primer día de clases, y la entrega completa del Summer Reading Challenge vencerá el 4 de septiembre de 2026. Agradecemos enormemente su colaboración y apoyo para ayudar a que su hijo(a) permanezca motivado(a), inspirado(a) y académicamente preparado(a) durante las vacaciones de verano.

Atentamente,
Administración de AcadeMir Charter Schools



SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT



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2026 Summer Reading List

Grade	Summer Reading	Author	Book Synopsis	Front Cover
Kindergarten	Swimmy	Leo Lionni	Deep in the sea there lives a happy school of little fish. Their watery world is full of wonders, but there is also danger, and the little fish are afraid to come out of hiding . . . until Swimmy comes along. Swimmy shows his friends how with ingenuity and teamwork they can overcome any danger.	
First Grade	From Seed to Pumpkin	Wendy Pfeffer	Pumpkins can be baked in a pie, carved into jack-o'-lanterns, and roasted for a healthy snack. But how does a tiny seed turn into a big pumpkin? With clear text and detailed, colorful illustrations, this book explains what a pumpkin seed needs to help it grow!	
Second Grade	Mango, Abuela, and Me	Meg Medina	Mia's abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. The night she arrives, Mia tries to share her favorite book with Abuela before they go to sleep and discovers that Abuela can't read the words inside. Then Mia sees a parrot in the pet-shop window and has the perfect idea for how to help them all communicate a little better.	
Third Grade	The Boxcar Children	Gertrude Chandler Warner	The Aldens begin their adventure by making a home in a boxcar. Their goal is to stay together, and in the process, they find a grandfather.	
Fourth Grade	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis	Narnia... the land beyond the wardrobe door, a secret place frozen in eternal winter, a magical country waiting to be set free. Lucy is the first to find the secret of the wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first her brothers and sister don't believe her when she tells of her visit to the land of Narnia. wardrobe themselves.	

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Fifth Grade	The City of Ember	Jeanne DuPrau	Many hundreds of years ago, the city of Ember was created by the Builders to contain everything needed for human survival. It worked...but now the storerooms are almost out of food, crops are blighted, corruption is spreading through the city and worst of all the lights are failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness...	
Sixth Grade	Tales of Greek Heroes	Roger Lancelyn Green	Tales of the Greek Heroes tells the mysterious and exciting legends of the gods and heroes in Ancient Greece. Greek mythology has inspired stories for thousands of years, with tales of lost love and magic. Join our heroes in their journeys of resilience and revenge, guilt and love, and trials and betrayal.	
Seventh Grade	The Red Umbrella	Christina Diaz Gonzalez	The Red Umbrella is a moving tale of a 14-year-old girl's journey from Cuba to America as part of Operation Pedro Pan. -an organized exodus of more than 14,000 unaccompanied children, whose parents sent them away to escape their country's dictatorship.	
Eighth Grade	The Swiss Family Robinson	Johann David Wyss	The Robinsons leave their home in Switzerland planning to settle half a world away. But things do not turn out as they had expected. The sole survivors of a terrible shipwreck, they wash ashore to learn that the danger has only begun. Their new world will test their courage, cleverness, endurance, and faith as they struggle to survive and create a civilization of their own in the wilderness.	

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WRITE A COMPLETE RESPONSE FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Students Name: _____

Date: _____

Title of book and authors name:

Describe the setting of the book:

One main character's name and description of the character:

What does that character value?

What is that character's personality like?

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On a scale from 1-10 (10 being the best book you've ever read), how would you rate this book? Explain your reasoning.

List the sequence of events in the story. Circle the conflict, highlight in yellow the main idea, underline the resolution, and highlight in orange the main characters.

Summarize the story on a separate sheet of paper.



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6-8th





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Dear Future Summer Readers,

Every book you open is an adventure – whether you are exploring new places, meeting new characters, or learning something new. A whole summer of reading fun is waiting just for you!

This summer, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of America’s founding, we are excited to invite all children (K–8) to join in the Second Lady’s 2026 Summer Reading Challenge. Participants will read and track 12 books of their choice between June 1 and September 4. Every book counts!

When you finish your 12 books, ask your parents/guardians to let us know, and we will send you a personalized certificate, an America 250th anniversary-themed bookmark, and a special link to receive a prize! You will also be entered for a chance to visit our nation’s capital and the White House with a chaperone. Terms and conditions apply. More information can be found at [wh.gov/read](https://www.whitehouse.gov/read).

Where will your next book take you? We can’t wait to find out!

Usha Chilukuri Vance

Second Lady of the United States



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Submission Form

To participate in the Second Lady's 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, please follow the instructions below.

Instructions

1. Read 12 books of your choice, either independently or with a family member/adult, between June 1 and September 4, 2026.
2. Use the Reading Log to track your progress. Please include the following information for each book:
 - Title and author
 - Start and completion dates
3. Once you've finished reading all 12 books, write or draw a picture reflecting on what you read.
4. Ask your parent/guardian to sign where indicated and upload your completed and signed Submission Form and Reading Log on www.wh.gov/read/submit by **11:59PM ET on September 4th, 2026**.

Student Information

Full Name: _____

School Name: _____

Grade (Entering Fall 2026): _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Consent and Acknowledgement

I give permission for my child to participate in The Second Lady's Summer Reading Challenge and to receive updates and materials related to the program. I confirm that the information provided on this Submission Form and the attached Reading Log is correct. I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____


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2026 Reading Log

Date Started	Book Title & Author	Date Finished

Reflection

Share a brief reflection on your favorite book, favorite character(s), or favorite part of this experience. You may draw a picture to tell your story!



Terms and Conditions

Participation in the Second Lady of the United States' Summer Reading Challenge is voluntary and is intended to promote the benefits of reading among children and adolescents in the United States. By entering, each participant and his or her parent, guardian, or legal representative warrant that the participant meets all eligibility requirements for the Summer Reading Challenge. In consideration for the participation in this program, participants and their parents, guardians, or legal representatives release, discharge, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the U.S. government, its employees, officers, directors, agents, and partners from all claims, damages, demands, obligations, or losses of any kind related to this art contest. All communications regarding the Summer Reading Challenge, including announcement of winners, will be sent to the entrants' parent, guardian and/or legal representative. Selection as a winner is subject to the discretion of the U.S. government and does not guarantee that the individual will be able to participate in any or all of the activities for winners, nor does selection create any right or entitlement at law or equity. Winners are subject to additional security vetting processes, as well as other necessary terms and conditions related to prize acceptance. Winners' names and the contact information of the winners' parents, guardians and/or legal representatives (including home address, email address, and telephone number) may be shared with third parties for prize redemption purposes. If you would like to opt out of being considered for a prize and having this information shared with third parties, please contact the Summer Reading Challenge at read@mail.whitehouse.gov. All activities and awards are subject to availability of funding and may be modified or withdrawn without notice.