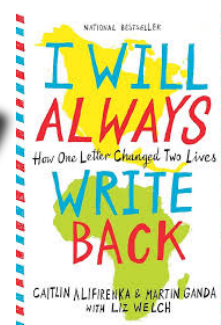
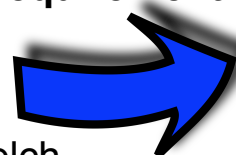


## 8th Grade Summer Reading

Incoming 8th graders are required to read two summer reading books. There is an assignment that goes along with each book. Each assignment must be completed and with you on the first day of school.

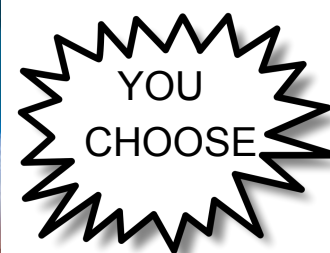
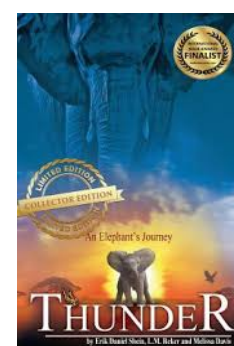
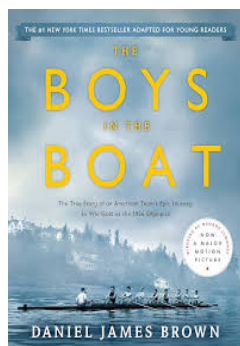
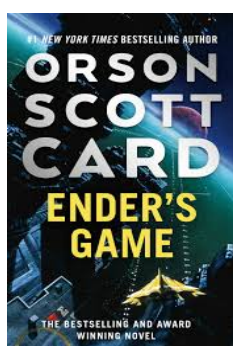
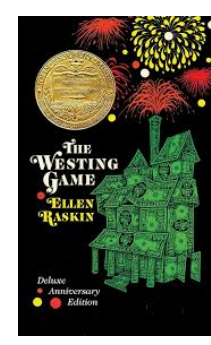
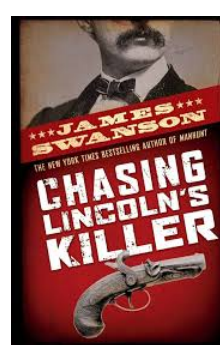
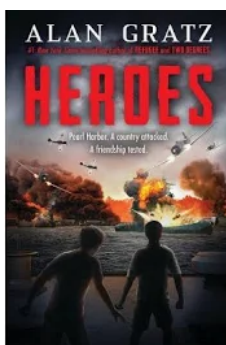
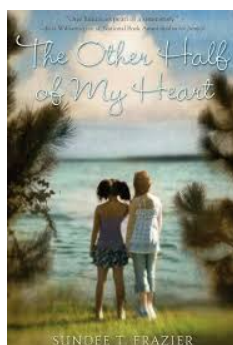
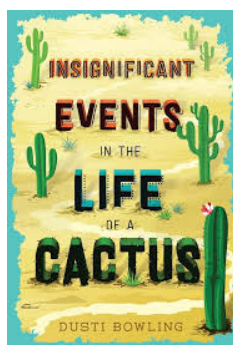
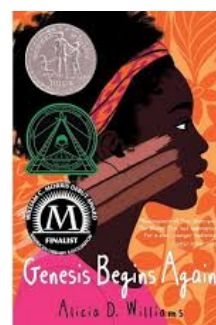
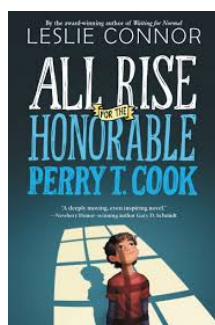
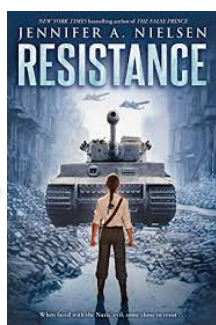
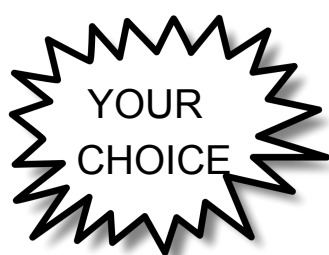
### 1. 2025 Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading Requirement

- assignment is attached
- *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch



### 2. Additional Requirement

- Choose one book from the list provided
- Choose a genre that interests you!
- Complete attached assignment



## Choose One!

- **Historical Fiction**

- *Rescue* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Resistance* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Heroes* by Alan Gratz

- **Fiction**

- *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor
- *Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams
- *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
- *The Other Half of My Heart* by Sundee T. Frazier

- **Non-Fiction**

- *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson

- **Mystery**

- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

- **Biography**

- *The Boys in the Boat* (Young Readers Adaptation) by Daniel James Brown

- **Adventure/Survival**

- *Northwind* by Gary Paulsen
- *Thunder: An Elephant's Journey* by Erik Daniel Shein

- **Science Fiction**

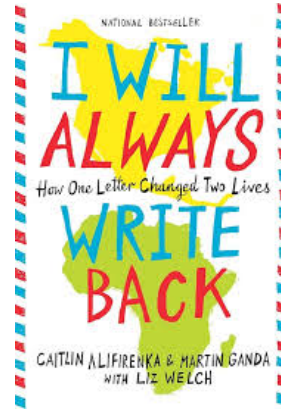
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 2025 Incoming 8th Grade Required Reading

### Required Reading:

*I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka  
and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch



### Assignment: Entering 8th Grade

1. Read *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch
2. Take notes as you read to aid your comprehension. Be prepared to take a book test at the start of the school year.
3. After reading, write 5 discussion questions you will share with your class during our September Book Club Meeting.
4. Use the attached sheet to write all questions.
5. Remember, your job is to create a list of questions to help discuss the book you are reading. Try to create questions that will make your group think. As you read, the best discussion questions usually come from your thoughts, feelings, and concerns.
6. Use the "Start a Discussion" question stems if you need help getting started.

### Start a Discussion!

Why..

How would you explain...

What is the importance of...

What is the difference between/among...

What is the similarity between/among...

What connection is there  
between/among...

Describe the...

How does...

How did you feel when...

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch

## Incoming 8th Grade Required Reading

### Discussion Questions

Question #1

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Question #2

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Question #3

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Question #4

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Question #5

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**Assignment #2: Additional requirement: Your Choice from the List**

As you read, choose 5 significant events that occur in the story. In the first column, **briefly** explain (6-10 sentences max.) the event, and be sure to include the page number. In the second column, **briefly** analyze (6-10 sentences max.) these particular events and explain why they are significant: how do they propel the story forward, how do they affect the characters, are they turning points in the story, do they change the characters in some way, are they foreshadowing another event, etc.

\*You can use additional pages if more room is needed\*

Significant event and page #	Analysis
1.	
2.	

3.

4.

5.

## **8th Grade Supply List**

1 heavy-duty binder (for folders and papers) OR any organizer of choice

2 two-pocket folders

1 copybook for Social Studies (student choice of type)

1 copybook for Science (student choice of type)

1 marble copybook for math

1 copybook for Spanish (student choice of type)

Loose leaf or theme notebook

#2 Pencils

Blue/Black/Red pens

Highlighters

Index cards

TI-34 Calculator/Protractor

Art supplies as desired (crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue, etc)

For your homeroom, please contribute:

2 boxes of tissues

2 containers of disinfecting wipes

1 paper towel roll

## 2026 Rising 8th grade Summer Math

Welcome to your 8th grade. It will be an exciting year for you as you enjoy all the adventures of your last year at SKS and prepare to step into the next chapter of your education. You will work on two assignments this summer to keep your math skills sharp and your mind engaged:

1. **Digital Component:** IXL Skills *earn a score of at least 80% on each of the skills.*

Rising 8th grade students (use the grade 7 skills tab)

B24 integer operations

B25 evaluate algebraic expressions

G16 fractions

I3 and 9 rational number operations

O6 percent of a number

O 8 percent equations

P6 percent tax, discount, more

R 5 evaluate expressions

S7 add/subtract linear expressions

T 6 and 9 one and two step equations

2. **Simple Solutions:** Using the book from this school year, please complete the lessons listed below. When you return in September, your 8th grade math teacher will review the work with you. After that review is completed, we will quiz and grade you on the work.

\*\*\*Please do not discard the books until we grade this work\*\*\*

- a. **Honors** will use their Pre-Algebra Simple Solutions to complete Lessons **48-56** (minus the problems we crossed out)
- b. **At Level Math** will use their 7th grade Simple Solutions to complete Lessons **41-52** (minus the problems we crossed out)