

## **Summer Reading Goals**

Why a summer reading goal? Essentially, we at HEED wish for you to become lifelong readers. We want to “awaken the inner reader” (Miller) in you and help you become natural readers, those who no longer view reading as a chore. Some of you might already love reading, some of you might “hate” reading, others of you may feel you’re not good at reading, and still more of you might not like to sit still for a long period of time to read. Wherever you fall on the spectrum, the goal is simple, **give reading a try!** As long as the book is a chapter book and parents approve of it, **read it.** Reading is a journey, taking us to places we could never imagine and offering us an infinite amount of knowledge. We invite you to begin the journey. Here are just a few articles on the subject of the benefits of reading:

<https://helpfulprofessor.com/importance-of-reading-books/>

<https://bookriot.com/2019/02/14/book-and-reading-statistics/>

<https://www.inc.com/marissa-levin/reading-habits-of-the-most-successful-leaders-that.html>

Strive to reach a reading **THREE (3)**, with one being by a Christian author. It would broaden your knowledge to include books from different genres /categories. Book selection websites are below as a resource. Please make sure to check with your parents before selecting any of these titles. Audio books and family read-a-louds count toward your reading goal.

Please keep a reading list; and as you finish a book, jot down the book title, author, and some thoughts about the book.

If you begin a book and 20 to 30 pages in find you are not enjoying it, put it down and pick up another. There are too many books out there to spend your time reading something you are not enjoying.

**Keep a reading list, including the book title and author. When school resumes, we will enjoy sharing our books with each other. Happy reading!!**

### RESOURCES:

<https://familyfiction.com/genre/young-adult/book/>

<https://www.christianbook.com/page/tweens/tween-fiction>

<https://booklists.yalsa.net/>

<https://read.gov/teens/>

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/summer-reading-grade-grade-recommended-reading-list-kids/>

Ladies: <https://readaloudrevival.com/series/girls-teens/>

Gentlemen: <https://readaloudrevival.com/series/092-teens/>