Middle School

SUMMER LITERACY CHALLENGE 2021

Grades 6-8 (*)

Public Schools of Edison Township

Parents and Students:

The Edison Middle School Summer Literacy Challenge offers students the opportunity to expand their learning through books and a variety of media platforms.

This year, all students in Grades 6-8(*) will read at least **TWO** books of their choice. There will be **NO** assignments or assessments when students return to school in September. We want students to read solely for pleasure and possibly share some of their favorite titles with friends.

We know that students may want or need additional challenges over the summer. Therefore, we have provided several options to explore. However, no challenge goes unrewarded!

For every challenge students choose to tackle and master, they will **complete a form** in order to enter into their school's raffle. In September, we will pull three winners from each school to receive prizes.

*Please note: Students in **Grade 8 Accelerated** must read *The Outsiders* and complete a separate assignment (See Slide 12). However, they *may* also choose to complete the additional challenges.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Dunn, MS English Supervisor, via gmail: lisa.dunn@edison.k12.nj.us

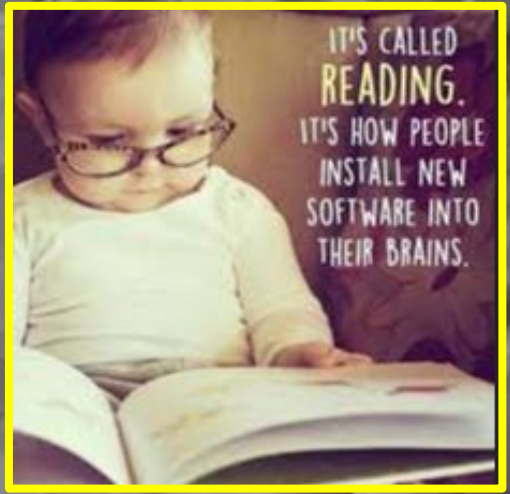
Happy Reading!

Summer Literacy Goal for ALL* Students:

Select and read **TWO books--your choice!!**

Consider...

- A book suggested by a friend
- A book you own but have not read yet
- A book about someone different than you
- A book by a #diversebooks author
- A book genre you typically do not read



You will receive TWO chances for completing this goal--one per book.

Completion Form

*Grade 8 Accelerated students must read *The Outsiders* and complete the assignment.

Need some book suggestions????

Grade 6 Themes:

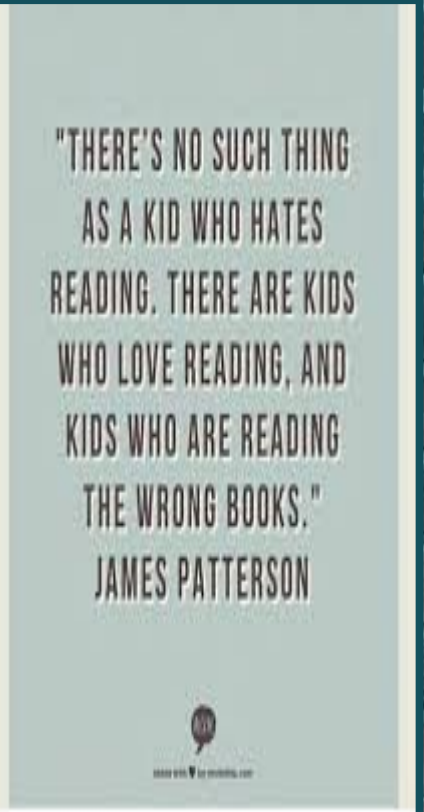
- Finding Your Voice
- Using your voice
- Appreciating and Learning from Unique Voices
- Using Your Voice to Explore Your World and Inspire Change

Grade 7 Themes:

- Inventing and Testing Yourself
- Fitting In and Moments of Insight
- Risking It All; Shared Dreams; and, Multiple Perspectives
- Shared Ideas

Grade 8 Themes:

- Social Justice and Identity
- Identity and Perspective
- Perspective and Individual Responsibility
- Individual Responsibility and Community



Just gotta find what you like :)

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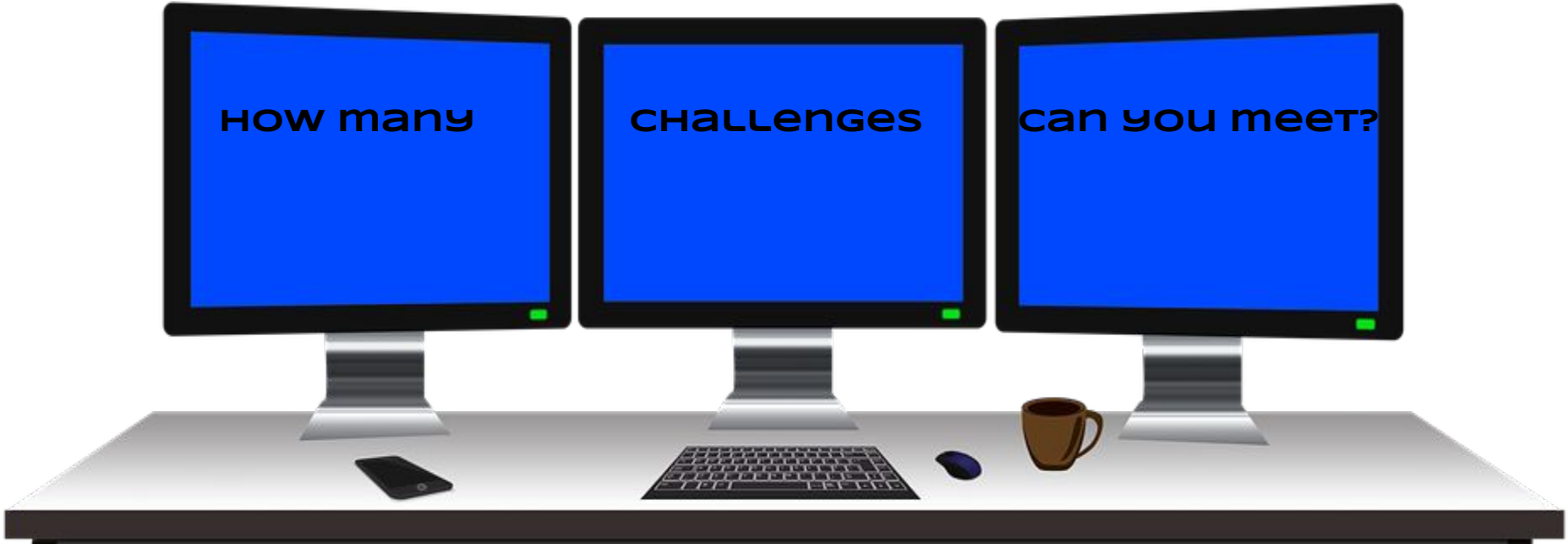

If you have already met the goal of reading TWO books and are ready for additional LITeracy challenges--and a chance to win more prizes--- continue to the following slides. For each completed challenge, you will receive a raffle ticket in September. We will pull three winners from each building: HHMS, JAMS, TJMS, and WWMS.

Podcasts (Can be accessed through student Chromebooks): Listen to at least **60 minutes** of your favorite podcast topics. Challenge yourself to explore unknown topics and learn something new! (Click on the icons below for the links to these sites.)

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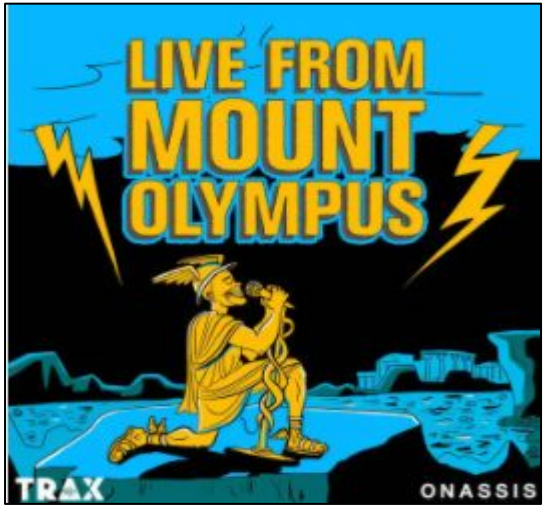
More podcasts...



SPECIAL SERIES npr

This I Believe

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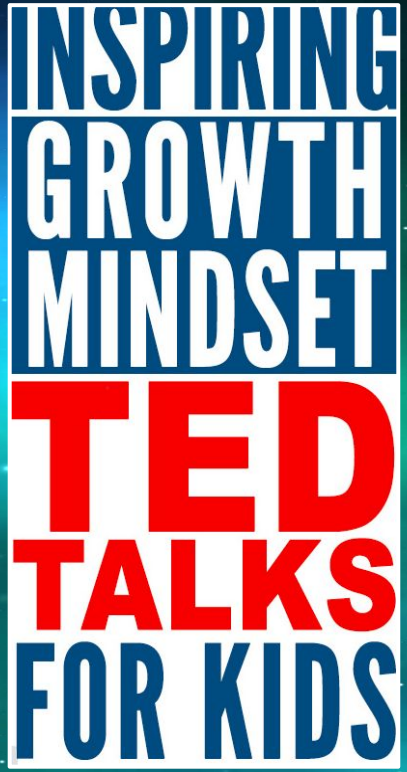
TED Talks: Watch 60 minutes of any of the following TED Talks. Challenge yourself by exploring topics that may be unknown to you or help you gain a new perspective. **Completion Form.**



There are many more TED talks, but these sites will provide a great place to start!

Great TED Talks to Use with Middle Schoolers and Other Ages, Too (Pernille Ripp picks)

In The News… Read at least **10** articles on Newsela. Sign in through Classlink (directions below). Challenge yourself to explore unknown topics and learn something new!

You should see this icon on your Classlink

Dashboard when you sign into your Chromebook.

Click on the icon and begin your exploration.

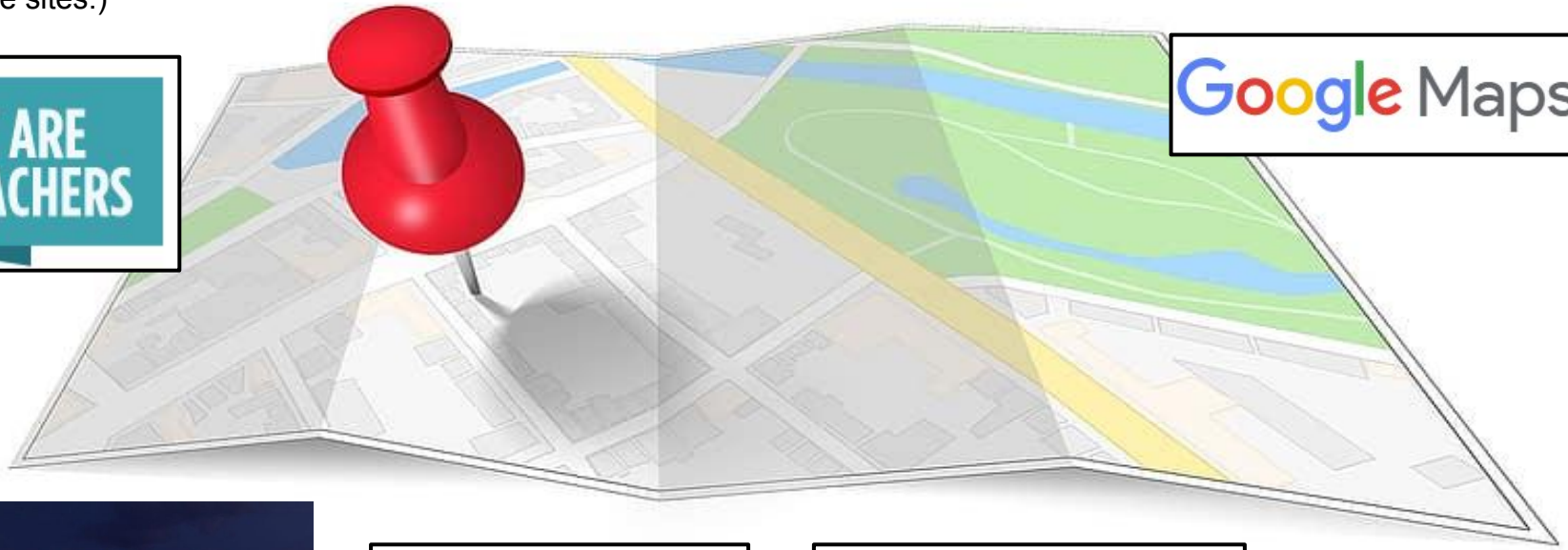
NEWSELA

If you have difficulties signing into Newsela, please

contact Mrs. Dunn (lisa.dunn@edison.k12.nj.us)

Completion Form.

Virtual Field Trips. Travel this year...from your living room or kitchen table! Take a tour of at least four different places. Be an adventurer and explore unknown places and learn something new! (Click on the icons below for the links to these sites.)



WE ARE TEACHERS

Google Maps

AirPano
A virtual journey around the world

Google Arts & Culture

DITCH THAT TEXTBOOK

Completion Form.

Books! Books! Books!

Can’t get enough of a good book????

Read **two** more books of your choice.

This challenge is worth **2** additional tickets--one per book!

Completion Form.

Grade 8 Accelerated Assignment (Click on either link to access the texts, organizer, and assignment)

You are required to read *The Outsiders* (S.E. Hinton), "Nothing Gold Can Stay" (Robert Frost), and ONE nonfiction article as your summer reading requirement. In September, you and your class will examine specific language, literary techniques and devices, and quotations related to the thematic topics. You are expected to be familiar with the details of all the texts on *the first day of instruction* and to *come prepared with your Double-Entry Journal* for the novel and annotations from the poem and article.

Consider the following essential questions while you read *The Outsiders*, "Nothing Gold Can Stay," and your chosen nonfiction article:

- What is social justice?
- What is identity and how is it developed?
- What do we learn about ourselves through hardships?
- What is the impact of our choices on ourselves and on those around us?

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