

Dear Rising Seventh Graders,

I am so excited to meet you and get started on a year of learning and discovery together! I have two tasks I would like you to do this summer to get ready for 7th grade English!

1.) Set up a GoodReads account

GoodReads is a site (and an app!) that can help you track and plan your reading life! How fun! We will use this all year long to record what we have read (and how well we liked it), to keep a list of things we might be interested in reading in the future, and to share book recommendations with one another! Here's what to do:

- **Set up an account at Goodreads.com** (work with a parent!)
- **Add any books you read and finish this summer & rate them!**
- **Options for fun:** Write reviews of the books you read, add books you might want to read in the future, and find your friends on Goodreads and follow them.

When we arrive at school again in August, we will all become GoodReads friends with one another so that we can share the books we like.

2.) Play some summer reading bingo

This is the hope I have for your reading life: that you will find books that you enjoy reading, and that you will read often. To help you explore a variety of books this summer, we'll play a little game of summer reading bingo. Anyone who "wins" can expect a prize!

Here are the rules of the game:

- You can use the same book for no more than three squares (EX: If you read a classic via audiobook that your grandmother recommended, that can count for "Classic", "Audiobook", and "Recommended by an adult".)
- Winning the game = completing 12 or more squares.
- Anyone who completes EVERY square will receive a Grand Prize.

You will turn in your bingo card during the first week of school.

Please don't hesitate to email me at rodell@stmschool.net if you have any questions or need recommendations!

Happy Reading,

Mrs. O'Dell

summer reading

BINGO



A bestseller from any bestseller list

Title:
Author:

Sci-Fi or Fantasy

Title:
Author:

A book in a series

Title:
Author:

A collection of short stories

Title:
Editor:

A book published in the last 12 months

Title:
Author:

Read a book with your parent (& talk about it!)

Title:
Author:

A work of nonfiction

Title:
Author:

A graphic novel

Title:
Author:

A book set somewhere you'd like to travel

Title:
Author:

Read a book with a friend (& talk about it!)

Title:
Author:

Get a public library card!

Parent's
Signature:

A book recommended by a friend

Title:
Author:

A book by a favorite author

Title:
Author:

A collection of poetry

Title:
Poet or Editor:

"Read" an audiobook

Title:
Author:

A work of fiction

Title:
Author:

A classic

Title:
Author:

A book recommended by an adult

Title:
Author:

An award-winner

Title:
Author:

A book that will be a big challenge for you

Title:
Author:

A work of historical fiction

Title:
Author:

Read to someone else

Title:
Author:

Read a newspaper.

Paper:
Date:

