

Summer Reading

8th grade ELA

2026-2027

Dear Parents,

It is time for summer reading. This year, all rising 8th graders will be required to read the same book, **Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt**. This novel is part of the new curriculum, so the activities, projects, and a test over the novel will be done during the first few weeks of school. This means that the only responsibility for each student will be to read the book during summer vacation.

My expectation will be that everyone will completely read the book before the first day of school. I will give a **quiz** over the novel on **the first day of school**. This grade will count as the first grade of the new year. After discussion on the novel has taken place, and other activities on the novel have been completed, a **final test will be given**.

Unfortunately, summer vacation is never long enough, so please do not wait until the last minute to read the book.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer vacation. I look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,

Susan Chafin

8th grade ELA teacher