

OBION COUNTY SCHOOLS

UPCOMING 8TH GRADE SCHOLAR SUMMER GUIDE

This past school year, your child had the opportunity to learn a tremendous amount to build on the knowledge from previous years. Some curricula covered during the previous year that require continued retention and repetition in order to be successful in the next grade are listed below.

English Language Arts:

- Build writing around strong central ideas or points of view, figures of speech (e.g., irony), cite evidence from text, use strong active verbs when writing.
- Identify theme and central ideas of a text.
- Write compound and complex sentences.
- Recognize when subjects and verbs do not agree.
- Differentiate between a phrase and a clause.
- Determine correct pronoun usage.
- Punctuate dialogue.

Mathematics:

- Multiplication facts
- Operations with fractions/decimals
- Converting fractions/decimals
- Reducing fractions
- Operations with integers

Next year, your child will have the opportunity to learn:

Listed below are some curricula for the upcoming school year that might be a challenge for students and suggestions on how students can prepare this summer.

English Language Arts:

- Recognize inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.
- Write summaries of any texts (fiction/nonfiction).
- Identify correct use of a dash, colon, and semicolon.
- Write and correctly punctuate compound-complex sentences.

Mathematics:

- Solve operations with rational numbers
- Compare rational numbers
- Solve one-step, two-step, and multi-step equations (distributive property, combining like terms, variables on both sides)

Summer Reading List Recommendations

1. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
2. *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz
3. *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

Educational websites recommended for your child to use this summer are listed below.

- [prodigygame.com](https://www.prodigygame.com)
- [khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)
- [ixl.com](https://www.ixl.com)
- [Mobymax.com](https://www.mobymax.com)
- [Funbrain.com](https://www.funbrain.com)