West Allegheny School District
WAMS ELA Summer Reading Incentive Program
Promoting Literacy
Summer of 2026

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Congratulations on completing a successful school year! We are wishing everyone a wonderful summer full of fun adventures – both in person adventures and those experienced through reading!

During the summer months many students experience a summer regression of basic reading and math skills. While this is concerning, there is an easy way to minimize the regression - by participating in the Summer Reading Incentive Program! Similar to our golf swings or level of fitness, academic skills regress when not practiced. Research suggests that the average learning regression during the summer months for students in reading equates to two months of instruction (Entwisle, Alexander, & Olson 2001; Cooper, H., Nye, B, et al, 1996). The Summer Reading Incentive Program is designed to help each student maintain and possibly increase academic skills.

While participation is strongly encouraged, the Summer Reading Incentive Program is **optional** and aimed at maintaining academic skills through reading. Students have 100% free choice in selecting the grade-level appropriate books they will read.

The WAMS ELA Summer Reading Incentive Program will follow these steps:

1. Each participant will choose a book (or multiple books) that meet his/her reading and/or grade level.

2. After reading, the student will complete the reflection form.
    a. Participants are encouraged to submit forms electronically through Google Classroom.

To access Google Classroom: Go to **classroom.google.com** and **Sign In** with your **school** email account. In the top right corner, **click the + to Join a Class**. Enter the class code below. Click **Join**.	
Grade Level	**Google Classroom Code**
Students Entering 6th Grade	lorxzsi2
Students Entering 7th Grade	jumy2rgc
Students Entering 8th Grade	avmg342t

    b. Forms may also be hand-written and turned in during ELA class at the beginning of the year.
    ***Note: Reflection forms will be accepted until the end of the first week of school (8-28-26).*

3. Each student will earn an incentive for each complete reflection form submitted.
    a. One ELA Cash Card will be awarded per Summer Reading Reflection Form submitted.
    b. ELA Cash Cards are worth five points in ELA class during the 2026-2027 school year.
    c. A maximum of four ELA Cash Cards may be earned per student.
    d. A maximum of one ELA Cash Card may be redeemed per quarter.

If there are questions regarding the Summer Reading Incentive Program, please contact Mrs. Troup (ktroup@westasd.org) via email.

Name_____

WAMS Reading Reflection Form - Summer 2026

Directions:

1. Select and read a book that meets your grade and/or reading level.
2. Thoroughly complete the reflection form.
3. Submit the completed form:
    a. Submit through the Google Classroom Summer Reading for your grade.
    b. Print and turn in to your teacher at the beginning of the school year.
4. **Note – Reflection forms may be submitted until the end of the first week of school (8-28-26).*

What is the title of the book you read?	
Who is the author?	
Why did you choose to read this book?	
In 3-5 sentences, summarize the book.	
Rate the book. **(ex: 2 Thumbs Up, 4 Stars, etc.)**	
Explain why you gave the book that rating.	
Who would you recommend this book to? Why?	
In 2-3 sentences, make a connection between what you read and your life and/or the world. How does this book relate to your personal experiences and/or events happening in the world?	