

**Language Arts:**

Students should set aside time every day to **READ!**

Studies indicate that students who consistently read 20+ minutes a day are ranked in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on tests of reading achievement.

Visit the ALSA 2018 Notable Children's Book Site at [www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists) for a suggested reading list of exceptional literature for middle readers.

Come visit the SFdS library between June 12 & July 31 to take AR quizzes. See [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) for a list of AR titles! (Closed 7/3 & 7/4)

Tuesdays 5-7 P.M.                      Wednesdays Noon-2 P.M.

**The summer AR point requirements, which will count as a quiz grade in literature, are:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade = 6 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade = 8 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = 10 points

**Scavenger Hunt!**

Prepare for proofreading success next year by finding errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammar usage in a book, magazine, or newspaper article and receive a prize! Photocopy the error or cut out the article and bring it to Mrs. Illich during the first week of school.

Work on increasing your vocabulary! Students with large vocabularies do better in school and on standardized testing. Visit the following websites:

<a href="http://goenglish.com">goenglish.com</a>	<a href="http://pbskids.org">pbskids.org</a>
<a href="http://funbrain.com">funbrain.com</a>	<a href="http://brainpop.com">brainpop.com</a>
<a href="http://freerice.com">freerice.com</a>	

Students going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Plan a trip to a country that you have never visited. You will stop and visit 3 places in that country. Write a travel diary that chronicles whom and what you see along the way in each place you visit. You will spend one week in this country. Use graphic aids to supplement your diary! Your diary will count as a literature test grade!

Students going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade: You will design a picture book that is a biography of someone you know. Be sure to go in chronological order! You may draw your pictures or use actual photographs. Books must be at least 5 pages (front & back) and include a cover. Your biography will count as a literature test grade.

Students going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade: You will design a picture book that takes the reader on an unexpected journey. You will all start with a secret door that you find (where you find it is up to you). You will enter the door and end up in a fantasy world (the only limit is your imagination). You may draw pictures and/or construct pictures from various sources. Books must be at least 5 pages (front & back) and include a cover. It should have a beginning, a middle, and an end. Your book will count as a literature test grade.

**Social Studies:**

Visit the following: the *Battleship Texas*, the San Jacinto Monument, Galveston (Ashton Villa, Bishop's Palace, Texas Seaport Museum, Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Museum, the *Elissa*, the Galveston Railroad Museum). Subscribe to a daily newsfeed to be aware of current events.

**Spanish:**

Look for labels in Spanish while shopping at the grocery store. Create vocabulary flash cards.

Buy a small dry erase board and practice spelling and conjugation of verbs as often as possible.

Watch the Spanish speaking TV channels (10, 50) and make a list of the words you understand.

If you have someone in your household who speaks Spanish, practice the words you know with them while learning new ones.

**Technology:**

Practice keyboarding focusing on correct finger placement and accuracy [Typetastic.com](http://Typetastic.com) (use school code red panda) [Typing.com](http://Typing.com)

**Science:**

Conduct and record weekly metric measurements around the house.

When traveling, learn about the geographic features of the place.

Track a hurricane if there is one.

**Art:** Visit the Museum of Fine Arts.

**Religion:**

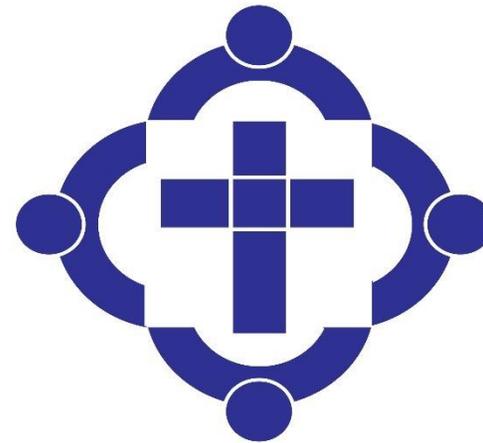
*(Verification of each activity will count as 10 points on a test in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Verification can include photos, a written summary, ticket stubs, etc.)*

- \*Visit and attend Mass at Annunciation Church, the oldest parish in Houston!  
<http://annunciationcc.org/>
- \*visit the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's European Art exhibit, which has incredible Christian art  
<http://www.mfah.org/art/departments/european-painting-and-sculpture/>  
Old Testament and New Testament history  
<http://www.mfah.org/art/departments/antiquities/>
- \*Go to confession at least once a month
- \*Tour the Mission Trail in San Antonio
- \*Visit San Fernando Cathedral (San Antonio)
- \*Visit the Painted Churches of Texas
- \*Volunteer at your parish's Vacation Bible School or other faith formation event
- \*Volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul, a nursing home, food bank, or any non-profit organization where you engage in the Corporal Works of Mercy

**Math:**

- \*Visit [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com) so that you can earn your 4 required Mathlete certificates during the summer. Print the certificates & give them to your math teacher by August 16. Each student has a specific login number accompanying this LEAP pamphlet. Additional instructions can be found on the school's website [www.sfdsschool.org](http://www.sfdsschool.org)
- \*When dining out, calculate tax and tip
- \*When shopping, calculate the percent discount, total items, and estimate tax
- \*When cooking, use the customary and metric systems, double ingredients, add fractions
- \*When traveling, pay attention to rate of speed, calculate miles per gallon
- \*Make a budget and keep track of summer spending
- \*Practice probability: predict which choice is better
- \*Practice mental math and estimation
- \*Be able to mentally add and subtract two 2-digit numbers
- \*Know your multiplication tables through the 13s!!! Use flashcards!!!
- \*Visit [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

# Leaping Into 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



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