

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A strong foundation in English is vital to making your son or daughter's dreams come true. Developing language skills requires constant practice, so summer provides a great opportunity for students to continue to improve. Please discuss plans for the upcoming summer with your son or daughter.

Here is the **required** reading during the summer. Your son or daughter will have the opportunity to show their understanding of what they have read and be assessed on the content during the 1st week of classes in the Fall:

Intermediate students: Greek Myths & Stories

Copies of packets will be given to students before leaving school for the summer. Copies are also available for download on the school website.

Advanced students: *The Complete Persepolis*, by Marjane Satrapi

Copies will be given to students before leaving school for the summer. Copies can be purchased by using the following ISBN numbers at most online bookstores: ISBN-10: 0375714839 or ISBN-13: 978-0375714832

Our ESL Department also **strongly** recommends the following:

1. Read English consistently all summer. Try novels, comic books, magazines, and websites.
2. Do some practice online.
For grammar exercises:
<http://a4esl.org/q/h/grammar.html>
<https://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/esl-english-grammar-exercises.html>
<https://www.esolcourses.com/content/exercises/grammar/english-grammar.html>

For writing tips, including TOEFL practice:
<https://www.englishgrammar.org/exercises/>

For listening practice:
<http://www.radiolab.org/>
<https://www.npr.org/programs/ted-radio-hour/?showDate=2018-04-13>
<https://www.cnn.com/cnn10>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4>

For a range of different skill practice, including TOEFL preparation:
<http://www.englishmedialab.com/exercises.html>

3. Consider attending our six-week-long ESL Summer Intensive Program:
<https://www.idyllwildarts.org/academy/academics/#tab-1479233950012-6-9>
This will help your child prepare for the new school year.

Other summer programs can also help, but if you plan to send your child to a program in your home country, please choose a comprehensive program taught by native speakers only.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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