



Al Ihsan School of Excellence

RE: **DUE FOR 1st QUARTER GRADE

May 15th, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The goal of Al Ihsan School is to assist each student in becoming a lifelong reader. With the summer months upon us, the perfect opportunity to improve and enrich your child's reading experience has also begun. Below, you will find a list of required books for your child's grade level. Students must maintain a reading journal, to comment, summarize, and even illustrate key events for each chapter. This is due on the first day of school and will be used as their first Language arts grade. The required novel will be sent home with your child on Friday, May 15th. ***This will be counted as a big part of your child's first quarter grade, We will not accept any sort of excuses for not completing these tasks. ample time is being given.***

We also encourage you and your child to explore available resources at your local library to help facilitate your summer reading journey. We recommend you use any of the following reading strategies to spark your child's interest in reading and to help him/her engage in the text:

- engage in ongoing discussions about your child's book during family time, or leisure activities •
read to each other and talk about books in general
- ask your child questions and make a connection between events in the book to his/her life •
help your child make inferences and understand main ideas by "reading between the lines"

Summer Reading List for Cleveland

Entering Grade in Fall 2026-2027	Book Title/ Author
6th grade	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> by Mildred D. Taylor
7th grade	<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i> by Mitch Albom
8th grade	<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i> by James L. Swanson
9th grade	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> by William Golding

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

Araceli Harris, Director of Middle School and High School