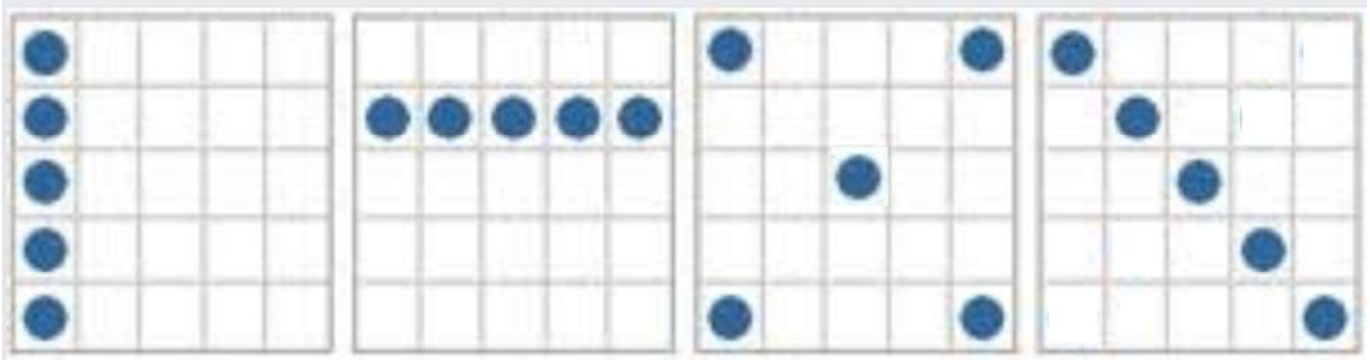


# ***SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2024***

The purpose of summer reading is to encourage our students to read for enjoyment while maintaining essential literacy skills that we have covered throughout the school year. Students will choose **one book from the provided list** and **complete the bingo board** based on the book that he or she selects. Page counts, genre, and summaries are included to help you make a decision on which book would be best for your student. Students should then complete the assignment below.

Your assignment is to get **bingo** by completing five activities from the bingo boards below. Your activities should create a straight line vertically, horizontally, or diagonally across the board. Additionally, you can also choose four corners and the center. See the possibilities below:



Your assignment must be turned in on the first Friday of the school year to your ELA teacher. You can do it on paper, on your Chromebook in a Google Doc, or another similar format.

*\*Books are available on Amazon, Target, Barnes and Noble, and Walmart sites. Please check your local library, as well. Lastly, we will have books available for students to borrow in each school's office over the summer.*

## Fiction Bingo Board

<b>B</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>O</b>
Compare and contrast this text with a related or similar text.	How have you changed after reading this book? Explain	What do you know now that you didn't know before?	Do you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell?	Create a theme song with lyrics for the book.
What connections are there between the book and your life? Explain.	If I were (name of character), I would...	Write a poem about this book.	What came as a surprise in the book? Why?	Which of the characters do you connect with most?
If you were making this book into a movie, what part(s) would you cut out or change? Why?	This character reminds me of myself because...	Write a solution for a problem a character has in the book.	The character I most admire is _____ because...	Pretend that you are the author and write a sequel to this book. Explain what should happen.
Choose a food that represents this book and explain why.	Give 3 reasons why this book should be taught to the whole class.	What type of reader would enjoy this book and why?	What is this book's theme? How do you know?	What questions in this book would you like answered?
What parts of the book seem most believable or unbelievable? Why?	Which character would you like to be in this book? Why?	I think the relationship between _____ and _____ is interesting because...	Write a letter to the author of your book.	If you could step into the book, what's the first thing you would do?

## Book Options

1. **Slacker by Gordon Korman**- *Cameron Boxer is very happy to spend his life avoiding homework, hanging out with his friends, and gaming for hours in his basement. It's not too hard for him to get away with it . . . until he gets so caught up in one game that he almost lets his house burn down around him. Oops. It's time for some serious damage control -- so Cameron and his friends invent a fake school club that will make it seem like they're doing good deeds instead of slacking off. The problem? Some kids think the club is real -- and Cameron is stuck being president. The guy who never cared about anything is now at the center of everything . . . and it's going to take all his slacker skills to win this round.*

2. **Refugee by Alan Gratz**- *OSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world... ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America... MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe... All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.*

3. **Ghost by Jason Reynolds**- *Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.*

4. **Number the Stars by Lois Lowry**- *As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family. Through the eyes of ten-year-old Annemarie, we watch as the Danish Resistance smuggles almost the entire Jewish population of Denmark, nearly seven thousand people, across the sea to Sweden. The heroism of an entire nation reminds us that there was pride and human decency in the world even during a time of terror and war.*

5. **Holes by Louis Sachar**-*Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake? Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment*

6. **Sunny Makes Her Case by Jennifer Holm**- *When Sunny's friend Arun says he wants to start a debate club, she's not really sure what he means. Isn't debate just... arguing? Sunny's never had a problem with arguing. Arun and the advisor show her there's more to it than that -- there's also teamwork, and research, and being able to speak up in front of judges. But when the debate club starts to be a success, Sunny realizes she won't just be able to talk her way into winning... she'll have to make her case!*