



## Middle School Summer Work and Assignments

Dear ECCS Families,

As we close our school year, we invite your family to explore a few simple and meaningful studies over the summer as **America celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday**. In true Charlotte Mason spirit, we are encouraging students to continue their learning through living ideas while reflecting on God's goodness and the many blessings He has bestowed on our country. Our hope is that students will grow in wonder, gratitude, and awareness of God's goodness and blessings. Consider this a gentle invitation to explore, observe, and delight, right here in the USA!

This Summer Work is in lieu of a Summer Narration Journal. We consider this a joyful opportunity to cultivate wonder, strengthen habits of attention, neatness and order, and time management as well as time to recognize God's hand in history, nature, and culture.

Please bring your completed  biography essay and  America in Bloom Project to Meet and Greet on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be prepared to narrate about your choice book the first day of school. All creative projects will be put on display in ECCS halls at the beginning of the school year. Please do your best, neatest work. We plan to have a schoolwide USA Birthday Celebration at the beginning of the year, at which we will share and celebrate all creative endeavors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher or Mrs. Herring.

### **Great American Reads (aka Summer Reading Assignment)- required from every rising middle schooler.**

- Read a biography in alignment with the Middle School Honors Reading List requirements about an American that played an important role in the founding or early life of America.
  - Write a one-page essay narrating...
    - how the person in your chosen biography became involved with the birth of our nation,
    - what this American contributed, considering character and how God works through individuals in history,
    - and a creative account of how our lives would be different if this person had never been involved.
- Read a choice book from the Honors Reading List
  - Be prepared to narrate about your book in August (no spoilers).

### **8th Grade Only** – Read C.S. Lewis' *The Last Battle*

Audiobook available at: <https://eccsnarnia.weebly.com/401/login.php?redirect=/>  
Password: cslewis

- In your own words, narrate a short summary of the book. Be sure to include the beginning, middle, and end of the book in at least 6 sentences.
- Tell which part of the book you connected with the most and why.

### **America in Bloom Project** – **expected from every rising middle schooler.**

**Optionally**, students may participate in the Stars, Stripes, and Creativity Project by completing a creative American themed project. Ideas are given below but feel free to come up with something that you love.

**Handicrafts-** needle work, wood art, weaving, candle making, carving...

- Create a piece that celebrates America's birthday

**Hymn Study** - Learn and enjoy a few beloved American hymns: *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, *Beautiful*, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *God Bless America*. Sing together throughout the year, and notice the words and their meaning. Notice how they point us to gratitude and God's grace.

- Illustrate the hymn lyrics or a stanza using the medium of your choice.
- What are some new vocabulary words you learn from this song?

**Art work**

- Draw a portrait of a famous American
- Draw a great American landscape or a great American landmark
- Create art that represents the great aspects of this nation to you

**Timeline of American Ingenuity-**Create a timeline of American inventions, discoveries, or important moments.

- Add drawings or short narrations
- Include people, inventions, or events your child finds interesting
- Reflect on how these serve others and show creativity.



Turn over for more...



May your summer be filled with delight in His works—  
in nature, in history, and in the story of our nation.

With gratitude and anticipation of celebrating together in August,

ECCS Middle School Team

*“Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.” — Psalm 111:2*