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## Clayton READS at Home!

### *Clayton County Public Schools Kicks off 2020 Summer Reading Initiative*

**JONESBORO-** Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to encourage summer reading! Through a partnership with the Clayton County Public Library, CCPS is enhancing Clayton READS at Home by selecting free eBooks for our Summer Reading suggestions available at [tinyurl.com/crsummer2020](http://tinyurl.com/crsummer2020). Students are encouraged to take three easy steps to continue reading this summer:

- 1) Select books of interest from our Summer Reading Lists,
- 2) Complete the Summer Reading Challenges Log, and
- 3) “Show what you know” by taking an Accelerated Reader quiz at [tinyurl.com/claytonar](http://tinyurl.com/claytonar) (Grades K to 8 only)

As part of the district’s summer reading program, students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8 have access to eRead Kids available online ([tinyurl.com/ereadkids](http://tinyurl.com/ereadkids)) and/or on mobile devices by downloading the free *Axis 360* app on Apple iOS, Android and Kindle devices. *Axis 360* is an electronic book service that provides access to popular eBooks and audiobooks. Students entering Grades 9 through 12 have access to the *Open eBooks* app. Designed to make browsing, accessing, and reading eBooks simple, *Open eBooks* uses next generation technology to make reading on smartphones and tablets simple and convenient. This app is available for Apple iOS and Android devices. **Important:** It is asked that parents/guardians and/or students email the student’s name and school name to [claytonreads@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:claytonreads@clayton.k12.ga.us) to receive an access code to these eBook libraries.

“The importance of continued reading once the school year has ended cannot be stressed enough as students who read a variety of books 30 minutes each day of the summer are better prepared for the new school year,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “Literacy is the gateway to boundless opportunities, and it is the goal of our district to have all students reading and writing on or above grade level to ensure they have access to any avenue they choose to pursue. One way we believe we can achieve this goal is to provide quality summer reading programs for our students. We are thankful for our partnership with the library system and the efforts of our Library Media Services Department,” he concluded.

For more information regarding Clayton Reads at Home and Summer Reading Information, please visit the CCPS website ([www.clayton.k12.ga.us](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us)) or click the following link: [tinyurl.com/crsummer2020](http://tinyurl.com/crsummer2020).

### **About Clayton County Public Schools**

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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