

Summer 2021



Dear Grade 7 Parents and Students:

This summer Cambridge English assignments contain paired passages to help students build background knowledge and extend learning, discussion questions to build student engagement and standards-aligned reading and writing questions that allow me to measure student growth and obtain an insight of where we need to begin in the fall. This informational guide and website information in the below will help you and your student stay prepared and geared up for Cambridge English grade 7.

Did you know that all students experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer? Did you know that on average, students lose approximately 2.6 months of grade-level equivalency in mathematical computation skills during the summer months? Did you know that if your child does not read at least four books over the summer, they could lose approximately a whole grade-level in reading?

For an extra reading component, I recommend that the students also enjoy the Pasco County Public Library's Summer Reading offerings. It is a good way to motivate kids to read over the summer break. Try to read for at least 30 minutes each day. Here is the link to get a free library card [Free Pasco County Library Card](#).

Let's keep our skills sharp. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Mallon



**CommonLit Summer Assignment – Online reading with multiple choice questions and short writing response.**

- If you had a previous account with PRSMS Cambridge or another school I have erased your account data and you need to enroll again using our NEW CLASS CODE. → LJZBZG
- You need to go to <https://www.commonlit.org/enroll>. Enter your class code. Then you will be prompted to enter a first and last name and password. You have the option to add an email address to your account. (Please create your account as your name and not a nickname- if I cannot tell who you are, you will not receive credit for your work.)

Grade 7 -> You will see 3 articles about the topic of Happiness. Read and then answer the questions and short response prompt. I will be grading these periodically over the summer.

**These are due by August 10, 2021**

## **READ THIS FIRST FOR SUMMER WORK:**

Hello there! Happy Summer! Thank you for taking the time to keep your learning moving forward! 😊

**You have a choice for your summer learning:** there are two other documents in this folder- you can choose which one you want to do OR BOTH 😊

**First one:** PASSION! PASSION! PASSION! - WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT? Are you willing to enlighten us and share what makes you SMILE? Check out the Passion Talk Summer Assignment and have some fun! Cannot wait to see what you come up with 😊

**OR**

**Second one:** Keeping up with summer reading. We want to start our new school year with the theme of happiness; so Cambridge has selected 3 articles for you to read and answer a few questions and write a short response regarding what makes people really happy. You will use the site CommonLit.

Check out all the directions and details in the other documents in this folder.

HAPPY LEARNING! 😊



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## PASSION TALKS WHY AND WHAT DOCUMENT- START HERE FIRST

**Step 1.** What are you passionate about? Brainstorm some ideas that you make you happy, ideas/things you know a lot about, ideas/things that you could talk to anyone about for 3-5 minutes- anything, but must be school appropriate ☺. Ask yourself, when not at school, what would I be doing that I absolute love doing and why? Here is a list that could generate some ideas for you if you are not sure where to start)-→[https://livepascok12fl-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/personal/kmallon\\_pasco\\_k12\\_fl\\_us/Documents/PASSION TALK IDEAS THAT MIGHT SPARK YOUR INTEREST.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=ZV7H6V](https://livepascok12fl-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/personal/kmallon_pasco_k12_fl_us/Documents/PASSION_TALK_IDEAS_THAT_MIGHT_SPARK_YOUR_INTEREST.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=ZV7H6V)

**Step 2.** Whatever you are passionate about (school appropriate), you will answer a few questions about it on this document ----→ [https://livepascok12fl-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/kmallon\\_pasco\\_k12\\_fl\\_us/EdyKtkThopxEvBh4cVx6eHAB\\_n5WRxKgYr1SnUfuSQuDzA?e=QhjH2N](https://livepascok12fl-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/kmallon_pasco_k12_fl_us/EdyKtkThopxEvBh4cVx6eHAB_n5WRxKgYr1SnUfuSQuDzA?e=QhjH2N) and then you will regal (tell with passion☺) us about your passion on this shared Flipgrid board (code in step 4 for FLIPGRID) where you record yourself talking to us all about what you are passionate about and hopefully (if possible) you have an artifact or picture or two, that you can show in your Flipgrid, of your passion. You can use the questions document in this step and answers to start your talk or just start talking and explaining with *PASSION* and *HAPPINESS* why *THIS* (your chosen subject) is your *PASSION IN 3- 5 MINUTES!!* This is meant to be fun, creative and joyful. You will be able to see other people's passions and discussions about what they love and get to know them a little more☺. Hopefully, we have a nice collection of Cambridge Passion Talks by the end of the summer☺.

- Write the answers to the questions on paper and hand in first day of school or email them to me at [kmallon@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:kmallon@pasco.k12.fl.us) ( the questions and answers count as part of your grade on the rubric-see step 3 below).

**Step 3:** Check out the Passion Talk rubric so you can see how you will be graded. Make sure to look at each category closely so you know where you want to earn your grade. You choose your grade depending upon what category of work you want to showcase according to the columns. -> [https://livepascok12fl-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/kmallon\\_pasco\\_k12\\_fl\\_us/ER\\_kR-9sJ2FEnluQXKiYyKsB9vkSj67dTylyvPED-v13Tg?e=WzJ2OI](https://livepascok12fl-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/kmallon_pasco_k12_fl_us/ER_kR-9sJ2FEnluQXKiYyKsB9vkSj67dTylyvPED-v13Tg?e=WzJ2OI)

**Step 4.:** Go here when you are ready to talk about your passion-  
-><https://flipgrid.com/1019bfe1> You do not have to show your face in the video, but do know this is beginning practice for Pasco Speaks (also known as TEDx Talks) where you will have to show your face either in person or via video. The Flipgrid site has many features when you start to record- three little dots called options where you can add text, stickers, videos, pictures, etc. all while you are talking to enhance your video. These should NOT take away from your Passion Talk, but rather enhance it and add meaning and relevancy to your passion. Play around with the options and see what works best for you to make the best Passion Talk presentation for you. **REMEMBER this is a school assignment so everything must be appropriate for school viewing.**

**Step 5:** Choose a peer's Passion Talk and provide written or video feedback regarding their talk and passion. Look under their video talk for the icons used to provide feedback. Use Two Stars and a Wish strategy- tell them two things they did well in their talk/presentation and one thing you wish they could do better on. Yes, you must provide a piece of constructive (helpful) feedback on what you think they could improve upon. We are always learning and no one is perfect. 😊

**Due: Tuesday, August 10, 2021**