In the 20th century, as the United States emerged as a world leader, the role of the U.S. president also increased and expanded. Today, the president of the United States has many jobs. Performing them is a giant juggling act. Here’s a look at the different roles that presidents are expected to fill.

The article will be available on the school’s website and in the front office.

The writing assignment for the Social Studies book will build background knowledge for the curriculum.

**A Juggling Act** (article)
by Kathiann M. Kowalski @2015

The summer assignment will focus on the SpringBoard curriculum with emphasis on narrative writing.

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**Wonder**
by R.J. Palacio @2012

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student. 790L

The writing assignment for the LA book will focus on the SpringBoard curriculum with emphasis on narrative writing.

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**Space Case**
by Stuart Gibbs @2015

Moon Base Alpha’s top scientist turns up dead, and 12-year-old Dashiell Gibson tries to solve the mystery without attracting too much attention. Dashiell shows us what life might be like living on the moon and how complicated everyday activities might be—all while solving a mystery. 910L

The writing assignment, which focuses on the science curriculum, will have a question and answer format.

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**Helpful Writing Tips**

1. Read the assignment carefully.
2. Write in complete sentences.
3. When instructed provide supporting evidence from the text.
4. Use proper grammar.
5. Use correct punctuation.
6. Remember to write neatly!

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For more information, please visit: [http://www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com)
Reading and writing continues to be our primary focus at Discovery Middle School. We believe, and statistics have shown, that students who read during school breaks build and retain their personal reading skills and enhance their writing abilities. This year the reading requirements are carefully designed to encourage all students to practice both reading and writing throughout the long summer break.

All incoming 7th grade students must read a total of two books and one article this summer:
ONE required Social Studies article
ONE required Language Arts book
ONE required Science book

Summer Writing Requirements

Upon completing the three assigned books, students will be required to complete a written assignment for each title. The writing assignments and specific directions will be posted on Discovery’s website.

Each assignment will be graded as a classwork assignment out of 100%. The grade will count towards the first 9 weeks of school.

If you have any additional questions, please contact:

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Purchasing at Barnes & Noble Waterford Lakes?

If you buy anything from the Barnes & Noble at Waterford Lakes through May 22, a percentage of the sales will go back to the school. Bring in a summer reading flyer or tell the cashier you’re from Discovery and our school will still get credit for your purchase.

DMS Book Swap

There will be a book swap set up in the front office for summer reading, starting the week of June 13. All you have to do is put a book in good condition from your child’s summer reading list into the box and then you can choose another title. You will need to fill in the paper work to show what title you put in and what title you take out.