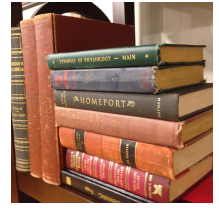


7th Grade Summer Reading!



Please choose TWO books to read this summer. You may choose any book that interests you. If you need ideas, please see the attached list of suggestions. There is no required assignment to complete over the summer, other than to read! We will discuss summer reading projects when we return to school in the fall.

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*Indicates a book written at a less-challenging reading level

The River by Gary Paulsen

Two years after Brian Robeson survived fifty-four days alone in the Canadian wilderness, the government wants him to head back so they can learn what he did to stay alive. This time Derek Holtzer, a government psychologist, will accompany him. But a freak storm leaves Derek unconscious. Brian's only hope is to transport Derek a hundred miles down the river to a trading post.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV.

Philosophy for Teens by Sharon Kaye & Paul Thompson

What is love? Is lying always wrong? Is beauty a matter of fact, or a matter of opinion? What is discrimination? The answers to these questions, and more, are examined in this teenager-friendly look at the philosophy behind everyday issues.

From You to Me by K.A. Holt

After losing her big sister, Clara, a few years ago, Amelia can't handle any more change. But when she starts eighth grade, she accidentally receives a letter that Clara had written to herself. In it, there's a list of things she'd wanted to do before the end of middle school and never finished, like get

on the softball team and throw an awesome birthday party on the lake. Amelia realizes she'll have to put her own spin on Clara's list to grow and change in the ways she needs to.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

This is a glorious account of a magnificent adventure, filled with suspense and humor. Dwarfs, wizards, dragons and creatures are found in this prelude to *The Lord of the Rings*.

Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Jarrett's mom is an addict, in and out of rehab, and in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery -- Jarrett doesn't even know what his name is. Jarrett lives with his grandparents. This graphic novel is a profoundly important memoir about growing up in a family grappling with addiction, and finding the art that helps you survive. **Parental Advisory for some swearing and coarse language

Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

This novel tells the outrageously funny, fantastic adventure story of Harry Potter, who escapes a hideous foster home thanks to a scholarship to The Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.

*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Not so long ago, in a middle school not so far away, a sixth grader named Dwight folded an origami finger puppet of Yoda. For class oddball Dwight, this wasn't weird. It was typical Dwight behavior. But what *is* weird is that Origami Yoda can actually predict the future.

Rescued by Eliot Schrefer

Raja the orangutan has been raised in captivity. Not behind the bars of a zoo, but within the confines of an American home. He was stolen when he was young to be someone's pet. Now he's grown up and is about to be sent away again, to a place from which there will be no return.

Booked (The Crossover Series) by Kwame Alexander

This is a novel about a soccer-obsessed tween boy written entirely in the form of a poem.

The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander

The first in the five-book series of The Chronicles of Prydain. A teenage boy battles against evil forces to prove his worth.

The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm

Sixth grader Ellie's grandfather gets turned into one of her classmates!

Sticks and Stones by Abby Cooper

A quirky tween has a condition in which every name people call her shows up written on her skin.

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

An emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in.