

Dear Incoming 7th Grade Students and Parents,

The Language Arts Department has a summer reading requirement for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. We want the students to continue to develop their reading skills in the following areas: comprehension, characterization, plot development, theme, cause and effect, and author's purpose.

To that end, students are asked to read **at least 2 novels this summer**. Students must be prepared to utilize these novels in a writing assignment and take an Accelerated Reader quiz on the novels by the first week of school.

The novels should be appropriate for interest level and/or grade level. For example, students should not be using *I Survived* series books or *Fly Guy* books as their novels because those are below grade level reading.

Here is a list of award-winning authors that may spark ideas for what to read:

Survival	Fantasy	Sports	Teen Issues
-Gary Paulsen -Will Hobbs -Theodore Taylor -Ben Mikaelson	-J.K. Rowling -Rick Riordan -Erin Hunter -Tamora Pierce	-Mike Lupica -Kwame Alexander -Tim Green -Dan Gutman	-Sharon Draper -Jason Reynolds -Sarah Dessen -Paul Langan
Animals	Mystery	Humor	Dystopian
-Ann M. Martin -Phyllis Naylor -Kate DiCamillo -M.H. Herlong	-Caroline Cooney -Joan L. Nixon -Lois Duncan -April Henry	-Jerry Spinelli -Jack Gantos -Gordon Korman -James Patterson	-Margaret Haddix -S. A. Bodeen -Veronica Roth -James Dashner -Suzanne Collins

The following is a list of novels that should **NOT** be chosen as they will be used for classroom instruction:

The Outsiders
Stargirl
The River

The Giver
Wednesday Wars
OK for Now

Parents, we appreciate your help and support in our endeavor to maintain a high level of learning in our Junior High. Thank you in advance for encouraging your child to accomplish this reading requirement in a timely manner!

Sincerely,

Miss Jenna Rolfes
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