

SUMMER READING

SEVENTH GRADE

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE BOOK AND READ THE BOOK BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS. YOU WILL RECEIVE A PROJECT ASSIGNMENT FROM YOUR ELA (ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS) TEACHER WHEN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL ON AUGUST 16.

The Outsiders / S.E. Hinton

The Outsiders is about two weeks in the life of a 14-year-old boy. The novel tells the story of Ponyboy Curtis and his struggles with right and wrong in a society in which he believes that he is an outsider.

The Phantom Tollbooth / Norton Juster.

For Milo, everything's a bore. When a tollbooth mysteriously appears in his room, he drives through only because he's got nothing better to do. But on the other side, things seem different. Milo visits the Island of Conclusions (you get there by jumping), learns about time from a ticking watchdog named Tock, and even embarks on a quest to rescue Rhyme and Reason! Somewhere along the way, Milo realizes something astonishing. Life is far from dull. In fact, it's exciting beyond his wildest dreams. . . . Hailed as "a classic. . . . humorous, full of warmth and real invention" (*The New Yorker*), this beloved story—first published more than fifty years ago—introduces readers to Milo and his adventures in the Lands Beyond.

The Skin I'm In / Sharon G. Flake

Miss Saunders, whose skin is blotched with a rare skin condition, serves as a mirror to Maleeka Madison's struggle against the burden of low self-esteem that many black girls face when they're darker skinned. Miss Saunders is tough and through this, Maleeka learns to stand up to tough-talking Charlese.

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

In this sly murder mystery, the heirs of an eccentric millionaire must solve the crime to claim their inheritance. "Counfoundingly clever, and very funny."—Booklist starred review

Wildflower by Alecia Whitaker

Sixteen-year-old Bird Barrett is discovered by a country music record label while playing in her family's bluegrass band. As her star rises, she must learn to stay true to her roots while navigating a brave new world of glamour and gold records in Nashville, Tennessee.

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji-Li Jiang

The author tells about the happy she life led in China up until she was 12 years old when her family became a part of the cultural revolution, and discusses the choice she had to make between denouncing her father and breaking with the family, or refusing to speak against him and losing the future in the Communist party.

Non-Fiction

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Stone

Profiles of 13 women who challenged social norms and government policies to prove they could be exceptional astronauts.

The Boys in the Boat: the true story of an American team's epic journey to win gold at the 1930's Olympics by Daniel James Brown, adapted by Gregory Mone

Adapting Brown's bestselling work of the same title (2013), Mone streamlines the true story of nine young men from the University of Washington who, against all odds, won the gold medal in rowing at the 1936 Olympics.

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The Seer of Shadows

Sometimes I Think I Hear My Name

Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts: Being an Absolutely Accurate Autobiographical Account of My Follies, Fortune, and Fate

What Do Fish Have to Do With Anything?