

Summer 2021 Reading List 7th Grade: SCAPA

At SCAPA, we require that the incoming 7th grade students read a total of three books over the summer. Please keep in mind that this requirement is an attempt to prevent students from losing their reading skills during the break. “Children who are readers add between 3,000 and 5,000 new words to their vocabulary every year through incidental exposure”. (Nagy, Anderson, and Herman 1987) Reading comprehension and speed also improve as students add vocabulary words. We encourage you to read with your children and discuss their books. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to teach them those invaluable critical thinking skills they will need to develop in order to be successful in both school and the workplace. No time to read with your child? No problem. Host a book club for your child and their peers. They can read and discuss their books together just like adults do.

The books below may be located at the public libraries and at local or on-line bookstores. They were chosen because of their relationship to core content, so they reflect a variety of genres, time periods, and themes. However, only you know what is appropriate for your children, so we recommend you assist them in making selections which meet your expectations. In addition, we have listed the Lexile Reading Level next to each title along with the Lexile Reading Level Charts for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. This should help you assist your child in choosing the most appropriate books for his/her current reading level. Please keep in mind that Lexile levels are determined by sentence length as well as vocabulary so the more dialogue a book has, the shorter the sentences. This can lead to below level Lexile Level scores for books which are still appropriate for your child’s grade level.

6th Grade Lexile Level: 925-1070

7th Grade Lexile Level: 970-1120

8th Grade Lexile Level: 1010-1185

English Language Arts (Choose one book from the list below.)

If you, or your child, decide to choose a different book than those listed below, just send an email to eva.aldridge@fayette.kyschools.us with the title and author of the book they will be reading.

NOTE: Students will be writing and publishing a book review of the book they read for English. In addition, they will be required to take an AR test on the book. These points will count toward their first quarter reading requirement.

Abeel, Samantha

- My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir (1050)

Beals, Melba Pattillo

- Warriors Don’t Cry (1000)

Brown, Daniel James

- The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team’s Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics (Young Readers Edition) (1000)

Collard III, Sneed B.

- Dog Sense (740)

Draper, Sharon

- Out of My Mind (700)
- Blended (610)

Flake, Sharon

- The Skin I’m In (670)

Gansworth, Eric

- If I Ever Get Out of Here (870)

Gratz, Alan

- Refugee (800)

Guerrero, Diane

- My Family Divided (730)

Hinton, S. E.

- The Outsiders (750)

Howe, James

- The Misfits (960)

- **Koja, Kathe**
Buddha Boy (1090)
- **Li, Moying**
Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age in China During the Cultural Revolution (1020)
- **McAnulty, Stacy**
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl (530)
- **Mikaelson, Ben**
Touching Spirit Bear (730)
- **Moore, David Barclay**
The Stars Beneath Our Feet (650)
- **Muhammad, Ibtihaj**
Proud: Living My American Dream (Young Readers Edition) (960)
- **Myers, Walter Dean**
Bad Boy
Noah, Trevor
It's Trevor Noah! (Young Readers Edition) (780)
- **Palacio, R. J.**
Wonder (790)
- **Park, Linda Sue**
When My Name was Keoko
Potter, Ellen
Slob (740)
- **Preller, James**
Bystander (600)
- **Ramee, Lisa Moore**
A Good Kind of Trouble (720)
- **Reedy, Trent**
Words in the Dust (670)
- **Sloan, Holly Goldberg**
Counting by 7s (770)
- **St. John, Warren**
Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town (980-)
- **Torres, Jennifer**
Stef Soto, Taco Queen (780)
- **Woodson, Jacqueline**
Brown Girl Dreaming (990)
- Harbor Me (630)

Science (Choose one book from the list below.)

Please email Mrs. Arkwright at ashlie.arkwright@fayette.kyschools.us with any questions about this list.

NOTE: Students will be creating a project about the book they read for science. They will also be expected to take the AR test on this book.

- **Cooney, Caroline**
Code Orange (941)
- **DeFelice, Cynthia**
The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker (811)
- **Goodall, Jane**
In the Shadow of Man (1178)
- **Haddix, Margaret Peterson**
Double Identity (781)
- **Herriot, James**
All Creatures Great and Small (1009)
- All Things Bright and Beautiful (999)
- All Things Wise and Wonderful (999)
- The Lord God Made Them All (989)
- **Hickam, Homer**
Rocket Boys (910)
- **Kelly, Jacqueline**
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate (829)

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw

- Charles Darwin: The Life of a Revolutionary Thinker (1211)
- **Pfeffer, Susan Beth**
- Life As We Knew It (731)
- **Preston, Richard**
- The Hot Zone (1061)
- **Werlin, Nancy**
- Double Helix (781)

Social Studies (Choose one book from the list below.)

Please email Mr. Spaeth at michael.spaeth@fayette.kyschools.us with any questions about this list.

NOTE: Students will be expected to take an AR test on the book they read for this class.

Barrett, Tracy

- Anna of Byzantium (969)

Benanav, Michael

- Men of Salt: Crossing the Sahara on the Caravan of White Gold (1140)

Cushman, Karen

- Catherine, Called Birdy (969)
- Matilda Bone (888)
- The Midwife's Apprentice (921)

Fleischman, Paul

- Dateline: Troy (860)

Fleming, Candace

- The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia (950L)

Gaughen, A. C.

- Scarlet (670)

McGraw, Eloise Jarvis

- The Golden Goblet (951)

Meltzer, Milton

- Weapons & Warfare: From the Stone Age to the Space Age (1120)

Meyer, Caroline

- Mary, Bloody Mary (951)

Rubalcaba, Jill and Robertshaw, Peter

- Every Bone Tells a Story: Hominin Discoveries, Deduction, and Debates (1088)

Turner, Megan Whalen

- The Thief (921)

Turner, Pamela S.

- Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune (950)