

Summer Reading List 2009-10

7th Grade

All students entering seventh grade must read at **least three books over the summer**. You must choose three books from the list below to read and then you may choose a book that you want to read on your own.

You are required to complete an activity for each of the three books you read. Please bring your completed work with you on the first day of school.

Summer Reading Activities- You must do a different activity for each of the 3 books you read.

1. Summarize the book in poem form with rhyme. (minimum 20 lines)
2. Discuss in depth the relevance of the title. (3 well written paragraphs)
3. Q & A – Pretend you're interviewing a person from the book. Write your interview in question and answer format. (at least 10 questions and answers)
4. Write an editorial based on a controversial issue in the book. (3 paragraphs well written)
5. Design a time-line for events in the book.
6. Choose your favorite passage from the book. Copy it down and discuss what you found appealing about it, (3 paragraphs well written)
7. You're the reporter. Write a front page news story or live report from the scene. (At least 3 well written paragraphs.)
8. Write your own test – a combination of matching, multiple choice, true/false short answer, and essay. (At least 20 questions and answers.)

Flipped – Wendelin Van Draanen

Ever since he saw Bryce's baby blue eyes in second grade, Juli has been in love. Unfortunately, Bryce has never felt the same. Frankly, he thinks Julie Baker is a little weird. After all, what kind of girl raises chickens and sits in trees for fun? Then, in eighth grade, everything changes. Bryce begins to see that Juli's unusual interests and pride in her family are, well kind of cool. And Juli starts to think that maybe Bryce's brilliant blue eyes are as empty as the rest of Bryce seems to be. Readers will quickly identify with at least one of these hilarious feuding egos, if not both.

Travel Team by Mile Lupica

After he is cut from his travel basketball team, the very same team that his father once led to national prominence, twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

Al Capone Does My Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko

Murders, mob bosses, and convicts...these guys are not your average neighbors. Unless you live on Alcatraz! It's 1935 and twelve-year-old Moose Flannigan and his family have just moved to the infamous island that's home to criminals. Like notorious escapees Roy

Gardner, machine Gun Kelly, and of course Al Capone. Now Moose has to try to fit in at his new school, avoid getting caught up in one of the warden's daughter's countless plots, and keep an eye on his sister Natalie, who is not like the other kids. All Moose wants to do is protect Natalie, live up to his parent's expectations, and stay out of trouble. But on Alcatraz, trouble is never very far away.

Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt

Abandoned by their mother, four children begin to search for a home and identity.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Avi

An orphaned peasant boy in 14th century England is accused of a crime he didn't commit. He flees and experiences many injustices before learning his name, Crispin, and that his parents' origins might be more perplexing than he ever imagined.

Secret Within – Theresa Martin Golding

Carly Chambers spends her summer days delivering mysterious packages for her harsh father but when she sneaks out at night to find some freedom, she faces danger from all sides.

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi

The date is mid June 1832, and Charlotte walks through the crowded docks of Liverpool, England with Mr. Grummage, a refined man hired by her father to see that Charlotte boards a ship that will take her to America.

The Wednesday Wars – Gary D. Schmidt

In the Wednesday Wars, seventh grader, Holling Hoodhood, is convinced his teacher hates him. Through their Wednesday afternoon Shakespeare sessions she helps him cope with events both funny and deadly serious.

Eggs – Jerry Spinelli

Nine-year old David has been living with his grandmother since his mother's accidental death. Still in pain, he's determined not to make friends in his new town. He takes his anger out on his grandmother and forms a close albeit abrasive relationship with 13-year old Primrose who lives next door with her fortuneteller single mother. They forge a tight yet tumultuous friendship that thrust them into adventures from late-night treasure hunts in the neighbors' trash, to a highly competitive search for night crawlers, to an overnight hike to Philadelphia. The friendship helps both deal with what is missing in their lives.

