

Grade 7 Summer Reading

Grade 7 students are expected to read 3-4 books over the summer. They can do a written summary of the books or take notes and be prepared to speak about the stories.

They can pick their own books as long as they are age and school appropriate.

Below, please find a list of possible choices.

Realistic Fiction

Boost (Catherine Mackel)
The Chocolate War (Robert Cormier)
Dairy Queen (Catherine Gilbert Murdock)
Heat (Mike Lupica)
Izzy, Willy Nilly (Cynthia Voigt)
Kira Kira (Cynthia Kadohata)
Samurai Shortstop (Alan Gratz)
Sunrise Over Fallujah (Walter Dean Myers)
Tangerine (Edward Bloor)
The Truth About Forever (Sarah Dessen)
Trouble (Gary Schmidt)
Whale Talk (Chris Crutcher)

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Adoration of Jenna Fox (Mary Pearson)
Andromeda Strain (Michael Crichton)
Beast (Donna Jo Napoli)
Bound (Donna Jo Napoli)
Briar Rose (Jane Yolan)
A Curse as Dark as Gold (Elizabeth Bunce)
Dune (Frank Hebert)
Fantastic Voyage (Isaac Asimov)
A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (Doug Adams)
I, Robot (Isaac Asimov)
Life as We Knew It (Susan Beth Pfeffer)
The Lord of the Rings series (J.R.R. Tolkien)
The Martian Chronicles (Ray Bradbury)
Oh, My, Gods (Tera Lynn Childs)
The Once and Future King (T.H. White)
Pretties (Scott Westerfield)
Uglies (Scott Westerfield)
A Wizard of Earthsea (Ursula K. LeGuin)
Zel (Rapunzel) (Donna Jo Napoli)
A Wrinkle in Time (Madeleine L'Engle)
The Chronicles of Narnia series (C.S. Lewis)
Pandemonium (Lauren Oliver)

Humor

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie (David Lubar)
Son of the Mob (Gordon Korman)
The Worst Class Trip Ever (Dave Barry)
The Princess Diaries (Meg Cabot)
Dan Versus Nature (Don Calame)
Heist Society (Ally Carter)
Don't Get Caught (Kurt Dinan)
Boys Don't Knit (In Public) (Tom Easton)
Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures (Kate DiCamillo)
Fake Mustache (Tom Angleberger)
Five, Six, Seven, Nate! (Tim Federle)
The Misadventures of the Fletcher Family (Dana Alison Levy)
My Brilliant Idea (and How It Caused My Downfall) (David Stuart)
A Fist Full of Pig Newtons (Jean Shepherd)
In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash (Jean Shepherd)
Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden Memories: And Other Disasters (Jean Shepherd)

Mystery/Suspense/Adventure

Cirque du Freak series (Darren Shan)
The Door of No Return (Sarah Mussi)
The Hound of the Baskervilles (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)
And Then There Were None (Agatha Christie)
I Am the Cheese (Robert Cormier)
The Killer's Cousin (Nancy Werlin)
Killing Mr. Griffin (Lois Duncan)
The Pigman (Paul Zindel)
Something Wicked This Way Comes (Ray Bradbury)
London Calling (Edward Bloor)

Nonfiction/Biography

An American Plague (Jim Murphy)
Black Hawk Down (Mark Bowden)
A Brief History of Time (Stephen Hawking)
Chinese Cinderella (Adeline Yen Mah)
Every Day Life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony (George Francis Dow)
Falling Leaves (Adeline Yen Mah)
Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow (Susan Bartoletti)
Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (Harriet Jacobs)
In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex (Nathaniel Philbrick)
Into Thin Air (Jon Krakauer)
The Many Rides of Paul Revere (James Cross Giblin)
Profiles in Courage (John F. Kennedy)
Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood (Ibtisam Barakat)
Night (Elie Wiesel)
Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family and Fighting to Get Back on the Board (Bethany Hamilton)

Student Picks

The Maze Runner (James Dashner)
The Giver (Lois Lowry)
Tuck Everlasting (Natalie Babbitt)
Echo (Pam Muñoz Ryan)
Jaws (Peter Benchley)
First Blood (David Morrel)
Jurassic Park (Michael Crichton)
The Road (Cormac McCarthy)
Alien (Alan Dean Foster)
Feathers (Jacqueline Woodson)
The Girl in the Blue Coat (Monica Hesse)
The Siren (Kiera Cass)
Wicked (Gregory Maguire)
Red (Alison Cherry)
Gemini (Sonya Mukherjee)
The Girl with the Silver Eyes (Willie Davis Roberts)
All Fall Down (Ally Carter)
Spy School series (Stuart Gibbs)
Space Case (Stuart Gibbs)
Spaced Out (Stuart Gibbs)

Historical Fiction

Blood Red Horse series (K.M. Grant)
Diary of a Young Girl (Anne Frank)
The Boy Who Dared (Susan Campbell)
A Break with Charity (Ann Rinaldi)
Carl and Emily (Yanker Glatshteyn)
Chains (Laurie Halse Anderson)
The Contender (Robert Cormier)
Copper Sun (Sharon Draper)
The Desperado Who Stole Baseball (John Ritter)
Fallen Angel (Walter Dean Myers)
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy (Gary Schmidt)

Classics

Bells on Their Toes (Frank Gilbreth, Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey)
Cheaper by the Dozen (Frank Gilbreth, Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey)
Death Be Not Proud (John Gunther)
The Good Earth (Pearl Buck)
My Antonia (Willa Cather)
The Old Man and the Sea (Ernest Hemingway)
The Pearl (John Steinbeck)
Treasure Island (Robert Louis Stevenson)
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Betty Smith)
Around the World in 80 Days (Jules Verne)
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Jules Verne)
Swiss Family Robinson (Johann D. Wyss)
Robinson Crusoe (Daniel Defoe)
Gulliver's Travels (Jonathan Swift)
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood (Howard Pyle)
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights (Howard Pyle)
Of Mice and Men (John Steinbeck)
The Call of the Wild (Jack London)

More Student Picks

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life (Wendy Mass)
Walk Two Moons (Sharon Creech)
Matilda (Roald Dahl)
Out of My Mind (Sharon M. Draper)
Bread and Roses Too (Katherine Paterson)
The War that Saved My Life (Kimberly Brubaker Bradley)
Esperanza Rising (Pam Muñoz Ryan)
Brown Girl Dreaming (Jacqueline Woodson)
My Sister's Keeper (Jodie Picoult)
The Secret Language of Sisters (Luanne Rice)
The Percy Jackson series (Rick Riordan)
The Kane Chronicles (Rick Riordan)
The Gods of Olympus (Rick Riordan)
Magnus Chase series (Rick Riordan)
Trials of Apollo (Rick Riordan)
Keeper of the Lost Cities series (Shannon Messenger)
The Swap (Megan Shull)
Belly Up (Stuart Gibbs)