

SEVENTH GRADE SUMMER READING

It's summer and that means reading!

At Randolph Middle School, one of our goals is to promote and instill a love of reading, but we can't do it alone. We need your help!

As a community, there are many avenues of learning we come across during the school year. Throughout each classroom, music room, and athletic field, we see students, teachers, and parents learning together. During the school year, learning happens mainly in the school setting. During the summer months, it is extended into the home. Transitioning our students' educational developments from summer to school can be a seamless cooperation between school and parents. It is essential to continue that learning process during the summer months so the growth can continue. Reading is a fun and easy way to promote independent learning and foster a love that will enhance their inquisitive nature for years to come.

Summer reading is one of the many great ways you can get involved with your child's education. Independent reading is strongly linked to higher test scores in all subject areas. For this reason, summer reading is no-brainer when it comes to maintaining and increasing brain power. When students read outside of school, they begin to see the importance and relevance to their world. When parents read with and around their child, it makes learning more enjoyable and approachable. So pick up a book or an e-book, a newspaper or magazine, and continue the conversation all summer long!

Happy Reading! ☺

Summer Reading Requirements: At least 3 books

- One required read: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
- One book from the Suggested Reading List (below)
- At least one book of your choice (can include any from Suggested Reading List)

For the Required Read:

- You are asked to bring the finished book to class on the first day of school. There will be a brief unit and project based on the novel.

For the book from the Suggested Reading List

- You are asked to write at least 250-words, double-spaced, **handwritten** review of the book, which details the reasons why you would or would not recommend this book to your classmates. This review should be written *immediately after finishing the book*. It is to be signed and pledged by both you and a parent/guardian. This will serve as the first writing assignment for the year and should be brought to class on the first day of school.

For the book of your choice (and for ALL books read over the summer, even ones that go above and beyond the Randolph requirement)

- You are asked to begin a chart on a piece of notebook paper, giving the name of the book, its author, and signed and pledged by both you and a parent that you finished the book during this summer and that you had not read it before. This will also be turned in on the first day of school.

SEVENTH GRADE REQUIRED READING

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

The ruthlessly realistic story of the Greasers and the Socs, rival gangs from very different sides of the railroad tracks, is narrated by Ponyboy Curtis, a smart, sensitive kid who has grown to become one of the most recognizable figures in the history of young adult literature. Any teen who has ever felt isolated or different can identify with Ponyboy, a kid forced to be tough on the outside, but who underneath is just as scared and needy as anyone.

SEVENTH GRADE SUGGESTED READING

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Countdown by Deborah Wiles

Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos

Down the Rabbit Hole (trilogy) by Peter Abrahams

Downriver by Will Hobbs

Ender's Game (Series) by Orson Scott Card

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston

Go Big or Go Home by Will Hobbs

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Jasper Jones by Craig Silvey

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

Last Shot by John Feinstein

Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein by Susan Goldman Rubin

Nothing but the Truth by Avi

Okay for Now by Gary Schmidt

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Peak by Roland Smith

Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

The Dark is Rising (Series) by Susan Cooper

The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery by Steve Sheinkin

The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain

The Revealers by Doug Wilhelm

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

The Wreckers by Iain Lawrence

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

Under the Persimmon Tree by Suzanne Fisher Staples