

SUMMER 2021

SUMMER READING 7TH AND 8TH GRADE

SUMMER READING TO PREPARE FOR FALL 2021

DEAR RISING SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS,

In 7th & 8th grade, we combine shared class readings with daily independent choice reading. With this in mind, we invite you to read at least ONE book of your choice over the summer. Books for 7th & 8th grade are found in both the middle grade and Young Adult (YA) categories. Generally, YA novels deal with some mature content, so please read summaries and reviews to help you and your family determine what book(s) may be the right fit for you.

When we return within the first week of school, each student will do two activities related to your chosen book:

- book-sharing to showcase your book
- letter to your English teacher introducing who you are as a reader

Any genre is acceptable as long as your family approves your choice and you are comfortable sharing that book with classmates. To the right, you'll find resources to help you find a book. We frequent Once Upon a Time Books in Montrose as they have a fabulous staff and well-curated collection that appeals to a wide variety of interests.

See your English teacher's Schoology by August 11th for activity details.

What to Note As You Read

1. State the genre of your book, provide a general overview of the book (what the book is about), and summarize the main conflicts the protagonist or person/persons of interest are facing
2. Describe who should read this book and defend why this book deserves to be read
3. Top 3 excerpts that get to the heart of the book's "big ideas" about humanity, life, morality, what it means to be a person
4. Other books, shows, or movies that this book is similar to



Suggested Reading Lists

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READING FOR PLEASURE FOR 20-30 MINUTES PER DAY BUILDS STAMINA & VOCABULARY THAT IMPROVES COMPREHENSION