

Summer Reading assignments for Grade 7

Both of these assignments are due by Friday, August 31

You will be reading two books. Use the suggested reading list to make your selections.

For one of the books, choose one of the following projects:

1. Create an illustrated map of the places that the characters go to within the book
 - a. Be sure to identify the place by name
 - b. Include at least 6 places
 - c. Be sure to explain in writing the meaning of the place
2. Make an illustrated timeline of the events in the book
 - a. Include at least 8 events
 - b. Give a brief written explanation of the event
 - c. Include a few illustrations related to the events
3. Write a "story poem" about events/characters from the story- retell key details from the book in the form of a poem. Rhyme is up to you.
4. Create a comic strip of the events in the book
 - a. Include at least 8 events
 - b. Put in some writing/dialogue between the characters to help explain what is happening in the book

******* For whichever project you choose, include the title and author of the book.**

For the other book, write a book log

Be sure to include title and author

1. Describe either your favorite scene/event or describe your favorite character- this should be written as a detailed paragraph.
2. Give your opinion of the book- did you like/dislike it? Why/why not?

7th Grade Summer Reading List

The Akhenaten Adventure

Series: [Children of the Lamp](#), Book #1 by **P. B. Kerr**

Meet John and Philippa Gaunt, twelve-year-old twins who one day discover themselves to be descended from a long line of djinn. All of a sudden, they have the power to grant wishes, travel to extraordinary places, and make people and objects disappear. Luckily, the twins are introduced to their eccentric djinn-uncle Nimrod, who will teach them how to harness their newly found power. And not a moment too soon, since John and Philippa are about to embark on a search to locate a monstrous pharaoh named Akhenaten and his eerie tomb.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall Jimmy McClean and his grandfather go on a road trip together in order for the boy to learn about his Lakota heritage.

Masterminds by Gordon Korman After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers there are secrets that will change everything. First in a series.

Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel by Megan Morrison After leaving her tower for the first time, Rapunzel joins Jack Beanstalker on a perilous journey through the lands of Tyme. First in a series.

Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound by Andrea Davis Pinkney A narrative history of the Motown record label: the business, the music, the people, and the historical, political, and cultural context of its times.

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson Dial The summer before the start of junior high, Astrid notices her BFF is drifting away and Roller Derby camp is proving tougher than she had thought! Is she tough enough to lose one as she works hard on the other? For fans of Raina Telgemeier's *Smile*, this is a heartwarming graphic novel about friendship and surviving junior high through the power of roller derby.

The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson Jackson Greene vowed never to get involved in another middle-school con, but he is put to the test when the girl of his dreams runs for class president.

***** These books are Rhode Island Middle School Book Award Winners or Nominees

Armstrong and Charlie by Steven Frank ***** Charlie isn't looking forward to sixth grade. After all, if he starts sixth grade, chances are he'll finish it. And when he does, he'll be older than his older brother ever was. Armstrong isn't looking forward to sixth grade, either. This year, he'll have to wake up at 5:30 to ride a bus to an all-white school in the Hollywood Hills. When Armstrong and Charlie are assigned seats next to each other, what starts as a rivalry becomes a close friendship. Set in Los Angeles in the 1970s, this is the hilarious, heartwarming tale of two boys from opposite worlds. Different, yet the same.

Top Prospect by Paul Volponi ***** He's a standout QB by the time he reaches middle school, and he's prepared to put everything into the game: blood, sweat, and tears. When Travis's older brother joins the elite football program at Gainesville University, Gainesville's head coach makes Travis a once-in-a-lifetime promise: Travis will have a place on the team too, and a scholarship to go with it. He just has to make it through high school first. As Travis starts ninth grade, he'll have to earn his teammates' trust and dodge opponents aiming to sack the star quarterback. But his biggest challenge might be staying focused in the face of sudden fame.

Refugee by Alan Gatz ***** A heart-wrenching escape story, a coming-of-age tale, a treatise on the hopes and traumas of refugees the world over—with the civil war in Syria still raging and immigration a hot-button issue across the world, *Refugee* could not be more timely.

A Blind Guide to Stinkville by Beth Verbel ***** Alice is a character who desperately wants to show the people around her that she can accomplish her goals regardless of her condition, and many individuals will be able to relate to her. Written in the first person, this is a very enjoyable story.

Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes ***** Garvey's father has always wanted Garvey to be athletic, but Garvey is interested in astronomy, science fiction, reading—anything but sports. Feeling like a failure, he comforts himself with food. Garvey is kind, funny, smart, a loyal friend, and he is also overweight, teased by bullies, and lonely.

