



7th Grade Summer Reading and Core Novels 2017-2018

Reading is a lifelong habit that should be nurtured, even in summer. 7th grade students are required to read **one book of their choice** with parental approval. The following suggestions and/or websites listed may be used to help guide your selection. **Students should come to class on the first day of school, August 21, 2017 with their book (hard copy or digital), prepared to discuss and celebrate their book at the Middle School Tea Party, date to be announced.**

New and Noteworthy Titles:

- *Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol
- *My Name is Not Easy* by Debby Dahl Edwardson
- *Addie On the Inside* by James Howe
- *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism and Treachery* by Steve Sheinkin
- *The Returning* by Christine Hinwood
- *Under the Mesquite* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
- *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness
- *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem* by Rosalyn Schanzer
- *Jasper Jones* by Craig Silvey

Classics:

- *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- *The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *A Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Verne
- *Watership Down* by Richards Adams
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne
- *Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury

Realistic Fiction:

- *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer
- *Hugh* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Box Out* by John Cory
- *The Bat Boy* by Mike Lupica
- *Tell Us We're Home* by Marina Budhos
- *Keeping the Moon* by Sarah Dessen
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Homecoming* by Cynthia Vogt
- *Trouble* by Gary Schmidt

Historical Fiction:

- *Ashes* by Kathryn Lasky
- *Traitor's Gate* by Avi
- *Wicked Girls* by Stephanie Hemphill

- *Riot* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Bartoletti
- *Flygirl* by Sherri Smith

Mystery and Adventure

- *Heist Society* by Ally Carter
- *The Convicts* by Jain Lawrence
- *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- *Evil Genius* by Catharine Jinks
- *Trash* by Andy Mulligan
- *Eye of the Crow* by Shane Peacock
- *The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson

Fantasy:

- *King of Shadows* by Susan Coopers
- *Reckless* by Cornelia Funke
- *Stardust* by Neil Gaiman
- *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
- *The Great Tree of Avalon: Child of the Dark Prophecy* by T.A. Barron
- *Skulduggery Pleasant: Scepter of the Ancients* by Derek Landy
- *Merchant of Death* by D.J. Machale

Science Fiction:

- *Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi
- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
- *Gone* by Michael Grant
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *I am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld

Non-fiction:

- *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*
- *Diary of Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *The War to End All Wars: World War 1* by Russell Freedman
- *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that tried to destroy the Civil Rights Movement* by Rick Bowers

Recommended websites for finding quality texts for Young Readers:

Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Suggested Reading offers a variety of genres and books for students to choose from: <http://cty.jhu.edu/talent/after/reading/grades5-6.html>

Barnes & Nobles offers a variety of age appropriate suggestions as well as a program where students may download a B&N Reading Journal and earn FREE books:
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp>

Newbery Medal Winners has a variety of award winning reading recommendations:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

Scholastic has age appropriate reading selections by genre available at:
http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/books/?Inkid=stacks/nav/b_and_a/main

Scholastic Summer Reading Program offers a program for students in which they can read, log their minutes and win prizes: <http://www.scholastic.com/summer/>

Also feel free to Read one of the following Catholic Novels listed on the Pauline Press 7th and 8th grade list:
<http://store.pauline.org/landing-pages/summer-reading-2016#gsc.tab>

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2015/05/03/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

7th Grade Core Novels:

Core novels are used in each grade across the middle school as a part of Reading/Literature curriculum. The books listed below will be discussed as part of the 2017-2018 reading curriculum in 7th grade. Students will be **required** to have a copy of each of these books during the 2017-2018 school year (hard copy or digital is acceptable). It is recommended that you purchase or download the texts listed ahead of time to ensure that your child is prepared in Literature class. **Please do not read these texts for summer reading.**

Parable/Allegory:

The Pearl – Steinbeck

Historical Fiction:

Heart of a Samurai – Margi Preus

Bridge to Terabithia—Katherine Paterson

Realistic Fiction: (Students may choose one text from the options listed)

- *The Schwa Was Here* – Neal Schusterman
- *Out of my Mind* – Sharon Draper

Nonfiction:

- *Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion* – Loree Griffin Burns
- *Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science* – Marc Aronson