

7th Grade Summer Reading List 2021

Students are required to read 2 (two) books that he/she has not read or tested on previously.

Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

Brady knows that his friends are responsible for a mean prank that results in an accidental tragedy. Plagued by this guilty secret, Brady struggles with the truth and its consequences.

Interest level: MG+ Book level: 4.9 50,353 words/209 pgs

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Thirteen years after a plane mysteriously lands in an airport with thirty-six baby passengers and no adults on board, the children from the flight begin to receive strange, unexplained letters. Jonah and Chip must work quickly to uncover the secrets of their past. The first in the series, *The Missing*.

Interest level: MG Book level: 5.0 59,017 words/314 pgs

Epic by Conor Kostick

In a society where violence is banned, people must settle their problems through a video game called *Epic*. The unjust treatment of his parents by the Central Allocations committee, which rules the planet and the game, sets Erik and his friends on a dangerous mission to challenge their world and put an end to *Epic*.

Interest level: UG Book level: 6.3 85,502 words/384 pgs

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, fourteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Interest level: UG Book level: 4.4 51,076 words/251 pgs

Slam by Walter Dean Myers

Seventeen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.

Interest level: UG Book level: 4.5 55,306 words /266 pgs

The Last Book in the Universe by Rodman Philbrick

After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future.

Interest level: MG Book level: 5.0 43,292 words/223 pgs

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

In Tally's world, reaching 16 brings an operation that turns you from ugly to pretty and Tally's almost there, but when her friend runs away, Tally learns about a new side of pretty world and must choose between betrayal and never turning pretty. Book #1

Interest level: MG+ Book level: 5.2 87,274 words/425 pgs



Game Changers by Mike Lupica

Eleven-year-old Ben is not surprised when the coach's son is chosen to play quarterback, but when Ben tries to be a good teammate and help the inconsistent Shawn, he is startled to learn that his new friend does not really want the position. Book #1

Interest level: MG Book level: 5.2 48,237 words/207 pgs

Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks by Jason Reynolds

This story was going to begin like all the best stories. With a school bus falling from the sky. But no one saw it happen. They were all too busy— Talking about boogers. Stealing pocket change. Skateboarding. Wiping out. Braving up. Executing complicated handshakes. Planning an escape. Making jokes. Lotioning up. Finding comfort. But mostly, too busy walking home.

Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings.

Interest level: MG Book level: 4.8 34,647 words/188 pgs

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Group username: mcpss

In the Paint by Jeff Rud

For as long as he can remember, Matt has wanted to play basketball. Now, as he tries out for the team at his new middle school, he realizes that the easy days of elementary ball are over and that this is a much more serious game. Book #1

Interest level: MG Book level: 6.0 35,718 words/163 pages