

Seventh Grade Summer Reading Program – 2021

Haldane Middle School

As part of the summer reading program, students entering grade 7 are required to read one book from the required summer reading list and one book of their choosing. The summer reading assignment will be due the second week of school.

Part I: Read ONE book from the “7th Grade Required Summer Reading Options” list and complete “Assignment #1- Story Map” for this book.

You will choose and read one book from the required list based on interest and readability. Please note that the “Lexile” of a book measures the sentence complexity and word frequency. A higher Lexile measure, therefore, indicates a more challenging book.

Upon completing the novel, you will complete “Assignment #1-Story Map” using specific details from the story.

Part II: Read ONE “free choice” book and complete “Assignment # 2- Free Choice Book Assignment” for this book.

Choose **any** book—fiction or nonfiction-- that you would like to read that is an appropriate level for you. Some fiction and nonfiction suggestions are attached.

Upon completing this novel, you will complete a second “Assignment # 2-Free Choice Book Assignment” using specific details from the story.

Have a wonder-filled summer. I look forward to meeting you and teaching you next year

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Warmly,

Mrs. Pece

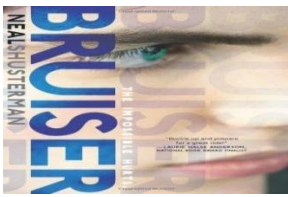
7th Grade Required Summer Reading Options
Choose ONE of the following books to read.



Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

Lexile 670

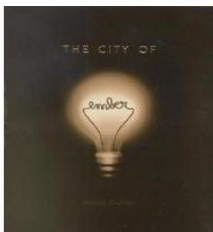
Cole Matthews is a young boy who has been a delinquent for years. However, nothing compares to his most recent offense against Alex. Many people have little hope that Cole Matthews will change, and it seems that Cole is destined for a life in jail. He has one last resort, and that is to receive a one-year banishment in the wilderness—a practice based on the Native American justice tradition. As he learns to survive in the wilderness, Cole discovers how to survive both the forces of nature and the forces of his own nature.



Bruiser by Neal Shusterman

Lexile 820

Bruiser is a teenage boy who guards an important secret. As a result, he is withdrawn from his peers and many people make assumptions about him. However, once two of his peers decide to give him a chance and get to know him, they learn that Bruiser possesses a gift, and a curse, that no one could have imagined. This book is written from the point of view of different characters and is about what happens when we share our pain with others.



The City of Ember by Jean DuPrau

Lexile 680

After the near ruin of the world, the city of Ember was built as a safe-haven for the human race. The city of Ember is surrounded by darkness and functions with specific rules and procedures. However, when the lights in the city begin to flicker, everything they have ever known and every hope for survival is threatened. The main characters, Lina and Doon, are prompted by a mysterious message to investigate their dimming world in an attempt to save their community.

Book Suggestions-

You Do NOT Have to Choose From This List

Fiction:

Al Capone Does My Shirts
- Cholden
Happened in Peach Hill -
Jocelyn
Old Yeller – Gipson
Pictures of Hollis Woods –
Giff
Running Out of Time –
Haddix
So B. It - Weeks
Summer of the Monkeys -
Rawls
The Secret Garden –
Burnett

Sport Fiction:

Can I Play Too – Dillard
Heat – Lupica
Miracle on 49th Street -
Lupica
Vanishing Act - Feinstein
(also Mystery)
Cover Up- Feinstein (also
Mystery)

Historical Fiction:

April Morning – Fast
Assassin – Meyers
Beyond the Burning Time -
Lasky
King of Shadows - Susan
Cooper
Let the Circle be Unbroken
– Taylor
My Brother Sam is Dead -
Collier

Fantasy:

Abarat – Barker
Avalon High - Cabot
City of Ember– Duprau
Inheritance Series - Paolini
Inkspell Series – Funke
Mossflower Series
–Jacques
Pendragon Series – D.J.
Machale
The Wind in the Willows –
Grahame

Science Fiction:

*A Hitchhiker's Guide to the
Galaxy Series* – Adams
Gathering Blue - Lowry
*The Last Book in the
Universe* – Philbrick
Truesight – Sathler
The Supernaturalist –
Colfer
Uglies – Westerfeld

Fairytale (Fantasy):

Beauty Sleep – Dokey
Midnight Pearls – Viguie
Scarlet Moon – Viguie
Snow –Lynn
Sunlight and Shadow -
Dokey
The Storyteller's Daughter
– Dokey
The Princess Bride –
Goldman

Nonfiction:

Breaking Through – Jimenez

China's Son – Da Chen

*I Have Lived a Thousand
Years* - Bitton-Jackson

Revenge of the Whale –
Philbrick

The Boys of Winter – Coffey

*Temple Grandin: How the
Girl Who Loved Cows
Embraced Autism and
Changed the World--* Sy
Montgomery

*Escape! The Story of The
Great Houdini --*Sid
Fleishman

*Shipwreck at the Bottom of
the World: The Extraordinary
True Story of Shackleton and
the Endurance --* Jennifer
Armstrong

*Bomb: The Race to Build--
and Steal—the World's Most
Dangerous Weapon --* Steve
Sheinkin

*The Impossible Rescue: The
True Story of an Amazing
Arctic Adventure --* Martin W.
Sandler

