

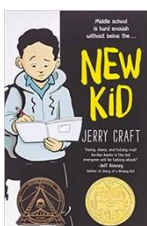
Summer Reading: 2024-2025

Sixth Grade

Rising sixth-grade students will read two books this summer. Both stories are about characters who change and grow. We will discuss these novels in class during the first week or two of school before completing a graded assessment. It is important that you read the books carefully and come to school in the fall with both books and the notes you took while reading.



Wonder
by R. J. Palacio
ISBN 0375969020



New Kid
by Jerry Craft
ISBN 0062691198

Take notes while reading each book. These notes will help refresh your memory when school begins in the fall.

- Main characters along with a description of each in your own words
- Passages that relate to or touch on the theme of changing
 - How are people changed through their relationships and experiences?
- Anything that you think is important and want to remember

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Seventh Grade

Rising seventh-grade students will read two books this summer. One book is required for all students, and the other book is one that students will choose from the list below. We will discuss these works in class during the first weeks of school before completing a graded assessment. It is important that you read both books carefully and come to school in the fall with the books and your notes.

All rising seventh-grade students should read the following book:



Refugee
by Alan Gratz
ISBN 9780545880831

Additionally, rising seventh-grade students will choose one of the following ten books to read. For this assignment, students should choose a book that they have not previously read.

- *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga (ISBN 0062747819)
- *The Skin I'm In* by Sharon G. Flake (ISBN 1368019439)
- *Gutless* by Carl Deuker (ISBN 1328742067)
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds (ISBN 1481450166)
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier (ISBN 0375829873)
- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth (ISBN 0062387243)
- *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang (ISBN 1250811899)
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (ISBN 0375842209)
- *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed (ISBN 0399544690)
- *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed (ISBN 0525553908)

Take notes while reading both books. These notes will help refresh your memory when school begins in the fall.

- Main characters along with a description of each in your own words
- Mark passages that relate to or touch on the theme of belonging
 - This theme is often seen when characters struggle fitting in or feeling at home with peers, with family, or within their community
- Also mark passages that emphasize the conflict of character versus society
 - This conflict often appears when the main character's beliefs, actions, ambitions or well-being are threatened by a group in power, cultural expectations or traditions, hostile circumstances such as war, the pressure to conform, or when characters are treated unfairly because of some aspect of their identity such as their social class, culture, gender, appearance, or religion
- As you read, consider: What does it mean to be an outsider, and how does our need to belong affect our actions?
- Anything that you think is important and want to remember

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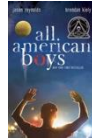
Eighth Grade

Rising eighth-grade students will read one book this summer. Each of the novels below includes characters who make (or are tempted to make) morally wrong decisions for different reasons. We will discuss these novels in class during the first weeks of school before completing a graded assessment. It is important that you read the book you choose carefully and come to school in the fall with both the book and your notes.

Rising eighth-grade students should choose one of the following six books to read:



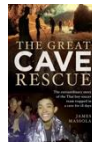
Blended
by Sharon M. Draper
ISBN 1442495014



All American Boys
by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
ISBN 1481463349



Six of Crows
by Leigh Bardugo
ISBN 9781250076960



The Great Cave Rescue
by James Massola
ISBN 0715653857



A Wrinkle in Time
by Madeline L'Engle
ISBN 0312367546



Greenglass House
by Kate Milford
ISBN 054454028X



Red Queen
by Victoria Aveyard
ISBN 006231064X



Nightmare Island
by Shakirah Bourne
ISBN 1338783572

Take detailed notes about the characters and plot while reading the book. These notes will help refresh your memory when school begins.

- Main characters along with a description of each in your own words
- Passages that relate to or touch on the theme of making critical moral decisions
- Anything that you think is important and want to remember