



Welcome to 7th Grade! Lilburn Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

We are looking forward to the up-coming school year. All rising 7th grade students are required to read at least one novel during the summer.

Dear LMS Families,

The 7th grade Language Arts teachers are looking forward to enriching the lives of students through reading and writing. We will begin this journey by having all rising 7th grade students read one novel over the summer vacation. The chosen novel will be discussed and instructionally aligned with activities related to the Language Arts grade level AKS.

This year we will use a book club format to engage and prepare students for Literary AKS items that they will encounter during the school year to enhance critical thinking skills and further develop reading and writing. This will be done through choice reading in a Book Club Format. Students will engage in the text, through teacher and peer led discussions, mini lessons, and written activities.

You can obtain the novel through your public library, local bookstore, online stores such as Amazon.com, Half.com, or even on your electronic reader i.e. Kindle, Nook, or a smartphone. Please secure the book early so that students have plenty of time to read and become familiar with the book.

Let's begin the 2018-19 school year as readers and writers!

Book Title	Genre
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.	Adventure
Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.	Realistic Fiction

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<p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days by Jeff Kinney Greg, a self-confessed "indoor person," is living out his ultimate summer fantasy: no responsibilities and no rules. But, Greg's mom has a different vision for an ideal summer one packed with outdoor activities and "family togetherness."</p>	Humor
<p>The Maze Runner by James Dashner Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.</p>	Sci-Fi
<p>Wonder by R.J. Palacio Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.</p>	Realistic Fiction
<p>Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.</p>	Sci-Fi
<p>The Summer I Saved the World...in 65 days by Michele Weber Hurwitz Inspired by her late grandmother, thirteen-year-old Nina spends a summer secretly doing good deeds for her neighbors and enjoying the changes she brings about, even as she is dealing with changing friendships and family issues.</p>	Realistic Fiction
<p>Heaven by Angela Johnson Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.</p>	Realistic Fiction
<p>A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.</p>	Historical Fiction
<p>Dork Diaries Series (any book) by Rachel Renee Russell Dork Diaries is a humorous children's book series written in a diary format, and uses drawings, doodles, and comic strips to chronicle the daily life of its 14-year-old protagonist, Nikki Maxwell, in and outside of middle school.</p>	Humor

Summer Reading Notes and Noticings

Theme

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text. (AKS 2)

Characterization

Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text (AKS 6)

Word Choice

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama. (AKS 4)

Plot Development

Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact (e.g., how setting shapes the characters or plot). (AKS 3)

Tone and Mood

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of rhymes and other repetitions of sounds (e.g., alliteration) on a specific verse or stanza of a poem or section of a story or drama. (AKS 4)