



Discovery Schools Summer Reading List: Incoming 7th Graders

Parents and Students, we would like you to enjoy your summer and enjoy your summer reading as well. Therefore we have provided a varied list of books to choose from this summer. Remember the only way to get better at reading is to continue to read! So pick something you think you'll be interested in. *Summer Reading is NOT optional.* Your teacher WILL expect students to have read their books and completed their assignments by the first day of school. Please read this entire document to make sure the entire assignment is completed.

Please note: Parents are highly encouraged to evaluate, approve, and even read the choices made by their children. Please help your child choose a book that is appropriate to their reading level based on the Lexile levels. If you have any questions, please email the 7th grade ELA teachers. Teacher email addresses are linked to the KDHSA home page.

REQUIRED Summer Reading Directions:

You will be reading TWO books. The first book is the required book that ALL incoming 7th graders should read. The second book may be chosen from the list below.

Required Book:

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

In this Newbery Honor-winning novel, Gary D. Schmidt tells the witty and compelling story of a teenage boy who feels that fate has it in for him, during the school year 1968-69.

The required novel will be discussed within the first few weeks of school to focus on skills like character, plot, vocabulary, etc.

NOTE: There will then be a whole novel test during the third week of the 7th grade school year.

Choice Books:

For your book choice you need to fill out one of the following forms and bring it to school. Due on the first day of school. Form should be written using complete sentences. We will be using this information to create a Flipgrid presentation of your book.

You may print the form you need or you may make a copy and type on it.

If you chose a fiction book, use this form:

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If you chose a nonfiction book, use this form:

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Students must read one book from the list below:

❖ ***Counting by 7s*** by Holly Goldberg Sloan

In the tradition of *Out of My Mind*, *Wonder*, and *Mockingbird*, this is an intensely moving middle grade novel about being an outsider, coping with loss, and discovering the true meaning of family.

❖ ***The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*** by John Boyne

Two young boys encounter the best and worst of humanity during the Holocaust in this powerful read that *USA Today* called "as memorable an introduction to the subject as *The Diary of Anne Frank*."

❖ ***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon M. Draper

From award-winning author Sharon Draper comes a story that will forever change how we all look at anyone with a disability, perfect for fans of RJ Palacio's *Wonder*.

❖ ***The Science of Breakable Things*** by Tae Keller

The spectacular debut novel from the Newbery Award winning author of *When You Trap a Tiger*. This is an uplifting story about friendship, family, and the complicated science of the heart.

❖ ***Liar Liar*** by Gary Paulson

Kevin doesn't mean to make trouble when he lies. He's just really good at it, and it makes life so much easier. But as his lies pile up, he finds himself in big—and funny—trouble with his friends, family, and teachers. He's got to find a way to end his lying streak—forever.

❖ ***Fever 1793*** by Laurie Halse Anderson

An epidemic of fever sweeps through the streets of 1793 Philadelphia in this novel from Laurie Halse Anderson where "the plot rages like the epidemic itself" (*The New York Times Book Review*).

❖ ***Accidental Archaeologists: True Stories of Unexpected Discoveries*** by Sara Albee

Science meets real-life mystery in this adventurous look at incredible unexpected finds that changed history. Secret treasures are buried all around us -- you just have to look for them! *Accidental Archaeologists* takes you on an adventure through time to relive some of the coolest surprise discoveries by totally ordinary people all over the world.

❖ ***Bound by Ice*** by Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace

The true story of the Jeannette, a ship that attempted to reach the North Pole in 1879, but instead was caught in ice for 20 months. The men on the ship, including two Yup'ik hunters and dogsled drivers, had to survive unbearable cold, dwindling fuel and food sources and incredible boredom.

❖ ***Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans during World War II*** by Martin W. Sandler

While Americans fought for freedom and democracy abroad, fear and suspicion towards Japanese Americans swept the country after Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Martin W. Sandler gives an in-depth account of their lives before, during their imprisonment, and after their release.

❖ ***I am Malala*** by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

The bestselling memoir by Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai. Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles and the possibility that one person -- one young person -- can inspire change in her community and beyond.

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