

# Mondovi Middle School

Mrs. Rzepiejewski 7th Grade Language Arts

## Summer Reading

It is recommended that every incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grader read either

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper or Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

The additional books on this list are SUGGESTED further reading options. Students can also consult the public librarians for guidance in choosing summer reading.

### Choose ONE



#### Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. (from the catalog)



#### Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world. (from the catalog)

### ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED READING

#### Guys Write for Guys Read: Funny Business edited by Jon Scieszka (or any of the Guys Read Collection)



Funny Business, the first volume in Jon Scieszka's Guys Read Library of Great Reading, features ten short stories guaranteed to delight, amuse, and possibly make you spit your milk in your friend's face.

There's something for everyone in this collection of short stories from some of the funniest writers around. This hilarious, offbeat first installment in the Guys Read Library is 100% grade-A humor, guaranteed to have kids of all ages asking for more.

Authors include Mac Barnett, Eoin Colfer, Christopher Paul Curtis, Kate DiCamillo & Jon Scieszka, Paul Feig, Jack Gantos, Jeff Kinney, David Lubar, Adam Rex, and David Yoo, with illustrations by Adam Rex. (from the publisher)

#### Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova



Cardinal rule #1 for surviving school: Don't get noticed by the mean kids.

Cardinal rule #2 for surviving school: Seek out groups with similar interests and join them.

On her first day at her new school, Penelope--Peppi--Torres reminds herself of these basics. But when she trips into a quiet boy in the hall, Jaime Thompson, she's already broken the first rule, and the mean kids start calling her the "nerder girlfriend." How does she handle this crisis? By shoving poor Jaime and running away! (from the publisher)



#### One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp (from the catalog)

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## The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

Everyone says that it was an accident... that sometimes things "just happen". But Suzy won't believe it. Ever. After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy was a rare jellyfish sting. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory—even if it means traveling the globe, alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe...and the potential for love and hope right next door. (from the catalog)

## Additional Reading Suggestions-Non-Fiction



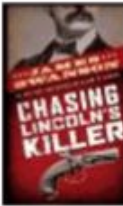
## 365 Days of Wonder: Mr. Browne's book of Precepts by R. J. Palacio

"A book of precepts, with one saying for each day, from Auggie's teacher Mr. Brown" (from the publisher)



## No Summit Out of Sight by Jordan Romera with Linda LaBlanc

The story of Jordan Romero, who at the age of 13 became the youngest person ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest. At age 15, he reached the summits of the world's 7 highest mountains (from the publisher)



## Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him. (from the catalog)



## Unlikely Heroes by Jennifer S. Holland

In *Unlikely Heroes*, Ms. Holland uncovers and celebrates yet another side of animals that we often think belongs primarily to people—heroism, that indefinable quality of going above and beyond, often for altruistic reasons, often at great personal risk. These 37 inspiring true tales show animals whose quick acts have saved lives, like the pod of dolphins who protected swimmers in New Zealand from a great white shark by forming a screen around them. There are stories of animals who simply and unselfishly give, like Rojo the llama, who shines his very special light of loving kindness on the elderly patients in an Oregon rehab center. (from the publisher)



## Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina by Michaela DePrince, Elaine DePrince

The autobiography of Michaela DePrince, who lived the first few years of her life in war-torn Sierra Leone until being adopted by an American family. Now seventeen, she is one of the premiere ballerinas in the United States. (from the catalog)

\* Remember, you don't have to read books from the "suggested" list. It's OKAY to read magazines, comics, and graphic novels! They count as reading too....just read! \*

All of us at Mondovi Middle School look forward to seeing you in September!