

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Summer Reading 2018

Summer reading for 7<sup>th</sup> grade includes reading three (3) novels: ***The Wednesday Wars*** by Gary D. Schmidt, a novel from the attached suggesting reading list, and a novel of your choosing.

### REQUIRED READING:

***The Wednesday Wars*** by Gary D. Schmidt

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

This novel will be discussed at the beginning of the school year, so I suggest you read it in August so it is fresh in your mind. No project is required this summer! You're encouraged to highlight and take notes in this book as you read. This will help you when it's discussed.

Create a reading log to document what you've read and have a parent sign it at the end of the summer. Any books read beyond the summer requirements should also be included on the log. **Please bring your log on the first day of school.**

Read, read, read and enjoy your summer.

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### SUGGESTED READING (you must choose one of these):

Alexander, Kwame. ***The Rebound***. 2018.

A novel in verse with all the impact and rhythm readers have come to expect from Kwame Alexander, *Rebound* will go back in time to visit the childhood of Chuck "Da Man" Bell during one pivotal summer when young Charlie is sent to stay with his grandparents where he discovers basketball and learns more about his family's past.

Brande, Robin. ***Fat Cat***. 2009.

Overweight teenage Catherine embarks on a high school science project in which she must emulate the ways of hominids, the earliest ancestors of human beings, by eating an all-natural diet and foregoing technology.

DuPrau, Jeanne. ***City of Ember***. 2003.

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Gangsei, Jan. ***Zero Day***. 2016

Eight years after being kidnapped Addie Webster, now sixteen, resurfaces under mysterious circumstances, significantly changed, and her childhood best friend, Darrow Fergusson, is asked by a national security advisor to spy on her to uncover whether she is a threat to her father's Presidency or the nation.

Hoose, Phillip. ***The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club***. 2015.

The true story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion during World War II.

Khoury, Jessica. ***Kalahari***. 2015.

Deep in the Kalahari Desert, a Corpus lab protects a dangerous secret. But what happens when that secret takes on a life of its own? When an educational safari goes wrong, five teens find themselves stranded in the Kalahari Desert without a guide.

Lu, Marie. ***Warcross***. 2017.

When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

Nielsen, Jennifer A. ***A Night Divided***. 2015.

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West. Four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

Sepetys, Ruta. ***Between Shades of Gray***. 2011.

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.

Sheinkin, Steve. ***Lincoln's Grave Robbers***. 2012.

An account of how counterfeiter Benjamin Boyd's gang stole the body of Abraham Lincoln and demanded Boyd's release from jail and two hundred thousand dollars as ransom and the efforts of the Secret Service to recover the remains.

Shusterman, Neal. ***Scythe***. 2016.

A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.

Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the “art” of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

Tolkein, J. R. R. ***The Hobbit: Or, There and Back Again***. 1966.

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Wild Bird***. 2017.

When her behavior escalates out of control, fourteen-year-old Wren is taken away to a wilderness therapy camp where she is forced to develop new skills, including the courage to ask for help.

Welch, Jenna Evans. ***Love & Luck***. 2018.

Addie hopes that the road trip of a lifetime through the rolling hills of Ireland will not only bring the romance and adventure she so desperately seeks but also help fix the shattered relationship she has with her brother after secrets come to the surface.

Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Brown Girl Dreaming***. 2014.

The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.