

## School Year 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts

### Required Reading Assignment

This summer should be filled with relaxation and sharing time with your family and friends. One great way to relax and refuel is to read great books! Students will be required to read *at least* three books over the summer. Students should read at least one of the books from the list below and two self-selected books. A suggested book list has been provided to assist with the self-selection process. However, you may choose two additional books that you and your parents feel are appropriate and are a “just right match” for you as a reader. Books with an asterisk (\*) next to the title have been previewed and approved by the district. Titles may be acquired through your local library or bookstore. If families are experiencing limitations due to the pandemic this summer and are unable to locate a copy of one of the required books listed below, the texts may be replaced with a choice book.

Read one book from the selections below:

- \* *The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley
- \* *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O’Dell
- \* *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos



Then read two books of your choice. You may choose from the list of suggestions below, or choose a different title appropriate for your reading level and personal interests.

- \* *Invasion: The Story of D-Day* by Bruce Bliven, Jr.
- \* *Behind Enemy Lines: A Young Pilot's Story* by H.R. Demallie
- \* *The Circuit: Stories From the Life of a Migrant Child* by Francisco Jimenez
- Skeleton Man* by Joseph Bruchac
- \* *The Iron Trial* by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare
- Tesla's Attic* by Eric Elfman and Neal Shusterman



In addition, students will be required to complete the following activities.

1. Keep a complete list of all the books you read over the summer. Record the author, title, and dates on the list. Rate each title with a 1 – 5 star rating, with 1 being poor and 5 being terrific.
2. The reading log can be brought to school on the first day, and students should plan to discuss their summer reading during the first week of school.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Log

| Book Title<br>and<br>Author                        | Date<br>Started | Date<br>Finished | Rate This Book<br>(1=poor, 5=terrific)   |
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| Example:<br>The Black Stallion by Walter<br>Farley | 6/25            | 7/2              | <br>I love this book! |
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