

WELCOME TO 7TH GRADE!

- All incoming 7th grade students will be required to read The Bully by Paul Langan over the summer. It will be very important to arrive to the first day of 7th grade with this book fresh in your mind as we will be using it for lessons.
- Students will also be required to choose a second book to read from the list of options below.
- Over the summer, students will be expected to contribute to an online discussion on Google Classroom. This book club discussion assignment will be their first grade of the year. Expectations and Discussion Boards will be posted to Classroom on 6/20. For the code to the Classroom, please email either Mrs. Dunn (sudunn@winthrop.k12.ma.us) or Mrs. Simpson (msimpson@winthrop.k12.ma.us).
- At the bottom of this list is a DO NOT READ list. These are books you could potentially be reading in class in 7th grade, so don't read them over the summer. Don't worry if you have already read them - no big deal!

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For your second book, choose from the following:

- *The Angel Experiment* (Maximum Ride #1) by James Patterson
  - The Angel Experiment. The first book in the series by James Patterson gives an overview of the Flock: Maximum Ride (the leader), Fang, Iggy, Nudge, the Gasman, and Angel. These children, ages 6 through 14, are far from normal. They are only 98% human, while the other 2% is avian, giving them wings and special powers.
- *Killer Pizza* by Greg Taylor
  - Pizza you'll die for! Toby McGill dreams of becoming a world-famous chef, but up until now, his only experience has been watching the Food Network. When Toby lands a summer job at Killer Pizza, where pies like The Monstrosity and The Frankensausage are on the menu, things seem perfect. His coworkers, Annabel and Strobe, are cool, and Toby loves being part of a team. But none of them are prepared for what's really going on at Killer Pizza: It's a front for a monster-hunting organization!
- *Victor Cruz: Out of the Blue* by Victor Cruz
  - \*there is a Young Readers' edition available on Amazon\*
  - Victor Cruz, the Super Bowl-winning and record-breaking wide receiver, is best known for his explosive plays and salsa touchdown celebrations. While his meteoric rise in the NFL looked like the result of a magical year, it was actually a lifetime in the making.
- *The Young Elites* by Marie Lu
  - Adelina Amouteru is a survivor of the blood fever. A decade ago, the deadly illness swept through her nation. Most of the infected perished, while many of the children who survived were left with strange markings. Adelina's black hair turned silver, her lashes went pale, and now she has only a jagged scar where her left eye once was. Her cruel father believes she is a malfetto, an abomination, ruining their family's good name and standing in the way of their fortune. But some of the fever's survivors are rumored to possess more than just scars—they are believed to have mysterious and powerful gifts, and though their identities remain secret, they have come to be called the Young Elites.
- *Million Dollar Throw* by Mike Lupica
  - Nate Brodie is nicknamed "Brady" not only for his arm, but also because he's the biggest Tom Brady fan. He's even saved up to buy an autographed football. And when he does, he **wins** the chance for something he's never dreamed of--to throw a pass through a target at a Patriots game for one million dollars.
- *Caraval* by Stephanie Garber

- Scarlett Dragna has never left the tiny island where she and her sister, Tella, live with their powerful, and cruel, father. Now Scarlett's father has arranged a marriage for her, and Scarlett thinks her dreams of seeing Caraval—the faraway, once-a-year performance where the audience participates in the show—are over. But this year, Scarlett's long-dreamt-of invitation finally arrives. With the help of a mysterious sailor, Tella whisks Scarlett away to the show. Only, as soon as they arrive, Tella is kidnapped by Caraval's mastermind organizer, Legend. It turns out that this season's Caraval revolves around Tella, and whoever finds her first is the winner.
- *I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition)* by Malala Yousafzai
  - Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. In this Young Readers Edition of her bestselling memoir, which has been reimagined specifically for a younger audience and includes exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world -- and did. 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.
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
  - Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them of the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. As Sal entertains her grandparents with Phoebe's outrageous story, her own story begins to unfold—the story of a thirteen-year-old girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother.
- *The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians)* by Rick Riordan OR *The Graphic Novel Version of the Book*
  - Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school...again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. Book #1 in the NYT best-selling series, with cover art from the feature film, *The Lightning Thief*.
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson

- As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.
- *Circus Mirandus* by Cassie Beasley
  - Do you believe in magic? Micah Tuttle does. Even though his awful Great-Aunt Gertrudis doesn't approve, Micah believes in the stories his dying Grandpa Ephraim tells him of the magical Circus Mirandus: the invisible tiger guarding the gates, the beautiful flying birdwoman, and the magician more powerful than any other—the Man Who Bends Light. Finally, Grandpa Ephraim offers proof. The Circus is real. And the Lightbender owes Ephraim a miracle. With his friend Jenny Mendoza in tow, Micah sets out to find the Circus and the man he believes will save his grandfather. The only problem is, the Lightbender doesn't want to keep his promise. And now it's up to Micah to get the miracle he came for.

### DO NOT READ:

- The Gun and Promises to Keep by Paul Langan
- Gone series by Michael Grant
- Legend by Marie Lu
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau
- Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- The Peculiar Haunting of Thelma Bee by Erin Petti
- Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
- A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen