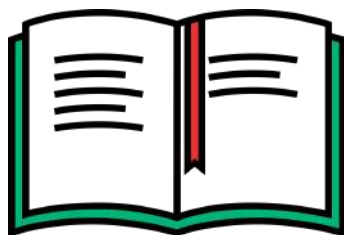


Summer Reading Suggested Book List 2021

For: Students Entering Grade 6 at Clinton Middle School



It is encouraged for students entering grade six at Clinton Middle School in September to read over the summer break. Students have the option to choose one of the two books on this list. The goal is to promote good reading habits! **Both books highlight the themes** (Growing Up, Captivating Characters, Overcoming Adversity, and Tolerance) **discussed during the 2021-22 school year**. Fill out the “Book Buzz” sheet so you are prepared to discuss the book you choose with classmates when you return in September.

Option 1: Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Kindness brings us together no matter how far apart we are. Millions of people have read the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *WONDER* and fallen in love with Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face. A perfect read for back to school -- no matter what that looks like!

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can’t get past Auggie’s extraordinary face. *WONDER*, now a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie’s point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community’s struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

Option 2: Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

In Lois Lowry’s unforgettable Newbery Medal–winning novel, a ten-year-old Danish girl’s bravery is tested when her best friend is threatened by Nazis in 1943.

As the German troops begin their campaign to “relocate” all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen’s family takes in Annemarie’s best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family. Through the eyes of ten-year-old Annemarie, we watch as the Danish Resistance smuggles almost the entire Jewish population of Denmark, nearly seven thousand people, across the sea to Sweden. The heroism of an entire nation reminds us that there was pride and human decency in the world even during a time of terror and war. With a new introduction by the author

Summer Reading Book Buzz!

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Summary:

What was your favorite quote/passage from the book?

Would you recommend this book to others? Why or Why not?

Review By: _____