



Summer Reading 2015
Middle School Humanities
English 7
Mrs. Everett

ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE

Summer is the perfect time to do lots of reading. You are required to read three books, but I hope that you will read many more!

Please read the following three books:

- 1. *Wonder***
- 2. A book from the “Suggested Titles” list below**
- 3. A free-choice book**

The free-choice book may be, but does not have to be, from the “Suggested Titles” list. I hope that you will discover new books and that you will share your favorites with the class. For the suggested and free choice books, please select books that you have not already read. If you have already read the listed book and it is part of a series, feel free to read the book in the series appropriate for you.

Although there is no specific writing assignment, I encourage you to read with care so that you are prepared to discuss and write about your reading in September.

Fondly,
Mrs. Everett

Required Reading:

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

“I won’t describe what I look like. Whatever you’re thinking, it’s probably worse.” So begins ten-year-old Auggie Pullman’s story. Join Auggie, a boy born with a severe facial deformity, as he takes the plunge from being homeschooled to attending Beecher Prep.

Suggested Titles:

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

During the summer of 1793, Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans for the family business. But then fever breaks out. The disease destroys everything in its path and turns Mattie’s life upside down. She must learn how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

The harsh and cruel Capitol keeps people in line by forcing each district to send one boy and one girl to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live television. Katniss steps forward to become a contender, forcing her to fight for survival and make impossible choices. If you have read *The Hunger Games*, continue with *Catching Fire* and *Mockingjay*!

The Vengekeep Prophecies by Brian Farrey

Jaxter Grimjinx is so clumsy that in his first solo heist as a thief, he sets a house on fire and lands his family in the gaol. Even Jaxter's skill for breaking magical locks can't get them out of this bind. Then a suspiciously convenient prophecy emerges naming the Grimjinx clan as the soon-to-be heroes of Vengekeep. Jaxter faces unthinkable dangers as he strives to be the hero of the prophecy.

Locked in Time by Lois Duncan

Nore Roberts didn't ask for a new life, but now that her mom is gone and her dad is newly married, she has to settle in at Shadow Grove. When she meets her stepmother, Lisette, Nore is chilled by her youth and beauty. When Nore begins to feel like the target of a deadly plan, she starts digging into her stepfamily's mysterious past.

Son by Lois Lowry

When Water Claire washed up on their shore, no one knew that she came from a society where emotions and colors didn't exist and that she had a son she never knew. She was supposed to forget her son, but that was impossible. Now Claire will stop at nothing to find her child, even if it means making an unimaginable sacrifice. This book is the series finale of *The Giver*, which returning students all read in sixth grade. If you are new to Wooster, make sure to read *The Giver* first!

Pendragon: The Merchant of Death by D.J. MacHale

Fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon has it all; he is smart, popular, and a star basketball player in quiet Stony Brook, Connecticut. But a visit from Uncle Press soon topples all of that as Bobby learns that he is a Traveler, someone who can ride "flumes" through time and space, recounting his adventures in journals that are magically transported back to his friends.

Daniel's Story by Carol Matas

After witnessing the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany, Daniel is suddenly transported from his comfortable life in Frankfurt to a Polish ghetto and then to Auschwitz and Buchenwald, experiencing Nazi brutality and recording the atrocities with a hidden camera.

The Last Mission by Harry Mazer

As World War II rages in Europe, young Jack Raab dreams of being a hero. He lies his way into the Air Corps, where his wartime experiences are more terrifying than he had ever imagined.

Starters by Lissa Price

Sixteen-year-old Callie lost her parents when the genocide spore wiped out everyone except those who were vaccinated first--the very young and very old. As Callie and her brother go on the run, they gather hope from Prime Destinations, run by a mysterious figure known only as The Old Man. Callie seems to have a fairy-tale new life until she uncovers the horrible truth.

The Red Pyramid (The Kane Chronicles, Book One) by Rick Riordan

When Dr. Julius Kane arrives in London for a special evening at the British Museum with his children, the night does not end well. The disappearance of Dr. Kane, the apparent destruction of the Rosetta Stone, and the kidnapping of Carter and Sadie all lead to a riveting adventure.

Divergent by Veronica Roth

In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue. On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

Have you watched the movie but never read the book? It's time to enter the magical world of Harry Potter. Join him as he begins his quest to protect the world from his arch nemesis, Lord Voldemort. If you have read this book and are at another point in the series, feel free to read the book appropriate for you.

Magyk by Angie Sage

Fantasy fans will find a jolt of action, mystery, and humor in this "magyk"-filled adventure. Infants switched at birth, spells, wizards, and dastardly villains add lively scenery and action throughout.

Under the Blood-Red Sun by Graham Salisbury

While Tomi embraces everything about being American, including a passion for baseball, he struggles to find some middle ground between his modern life and the traditional values his Japanese parents and grandfather try to impart. As World War II intensifies and Pearl Harbor is bombed, Tomi's family faces hardship at every turn.

The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens

This book brims with humor and action as it charts Kate, Michael, and Emma's extraordinary adventures through an unforgettable, enchanted world. Ripped from their parents as babies, they are being protected from a horrible evil of devastating power, an evil they know nothing about. Until now.

Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Mildred D. Taylor

Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive. This book is the sequel to *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, which returning students read last year.