2019 SUMMER READING
Rising 7th Grade Summer
Reading List

This summer, students in the seventh grade are required to read two books. The required selection for English class may be either Rules of the Road or The Preacher’s Boy. The second book is a choice novel from the list that follows. For both of these books, the students will complete a book report form that can be found under the “Related Forms” section of this webpage. Both reports are due on the first day of school.

Required for English: Assessment instructions are posted on the Summer Reading page under “Related Forms.”

Bauer, Joan            Rules of the Road
Sixteen-year-old Jenna gets a job driving the elderly owner of a chain of successful shoe stores from Chicago to Texas to confront the son who is trying to force her to retire, and along the Way, Jenna hones her talents as a saleswoman and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.

OR

Paterson, Katherine    The Preacher’s Boy
In 1899, ten-year-old Robbie, son of a preacher in a small Vermont town, gets himself into all kinds of trouble when he decides to give up being Christian in order to make the most of his life before the end of the world. (This novel ties to The Adventures of Tom Sawyer)

The second required book – Choose one from the following list. Assessment instructions are posted on the Summer Reading List page under “Related Forms.”

Avi        True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious. (This novel ties to Treasure Island.)
Bloor, Edward  
*Tangerine*  
Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eye sight.

Dowswell, Paul  
*Powder Monkey: Adventures of a Young Sailor*  
With enough battles, storms, and shipwrecks to thrill young fans, this rousing historical adventure introduces a new generation to an exciting era, when a lowly powder monkey could grow up to be a hero. (This novel ties to *Treasure Island.*)

Horowitz, Anthony  
*Point Blank*  
007 for middle schoolers. All the gadgets, chase scenes, and explosions a miniature James Bond fan could want. Fourteen-year-old Alex continues his work as a spy for the British MI6.

Kelly, Jacqueline  
*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*  
In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate spends her days learning to cook, sew, and clean. How boring! Her brothers seem to have much more interesting lives until she begins to spend time at the river with her notoriously cantankerous grandfather, an avid naturalist. Their studies lead to an important discovery.

Montgomery, Lucy Maude  
*Anne of Green Gables*  
Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

North, Sterling  
*Rascal*  
The author recalls his carefree life in a small mid-western town at the close of World War I, and his adventures with his pet raccoon, Rascal.

Smith, K.  
*Skeeter*  
The adventures of two young boys befriended by an elderly African-American man who is a legendary hunter.
Taylor, Mildred  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*  
An African-American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which the children do not understand.

Voigt, Cynthia  
*Homecoming*  
Abandoned by their mother, a resourceful thirteen-year-old girl and her three siblings embark on an arduous journey to locate their long-lost aunt and search for a home and an identity.

Yolen, Jane  
*The Devil’s Arithmetic*  
Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland. (This novel ties to *Daniel’s Story*.)

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