

Dear Students,

Summer is a great time to enjoy a book! This summer, all students entering 7th grade will be expected to read a book of their choice. There are only two requirements for this book:

- It cannot be a book previously read.
- It must be an appropriate level of difficulty for you.

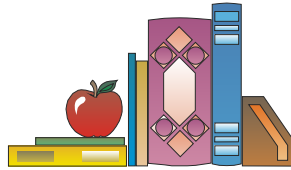
Challenge yourself! When school resumes in September, you will be asked to write about your book.

As you read, you must complete the summer reading packet. Bring it with you on the first day of school to help you complete a writing assignment.



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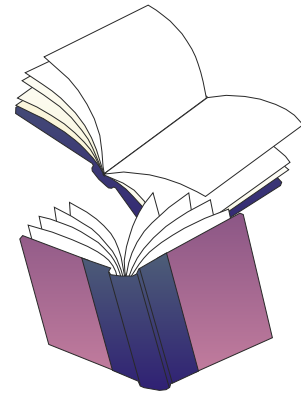
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Summer Reading



Seventh Grade

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Finding a Book that is Right for YOU!



Use the **FIVE** Finger Rule to help you select a book.

1. Find a book!
2. Thumb through the book and pick a page, any page.
3. Read one complete page.
4. Every time you come to a word that you don't know, count it on a finger.
5. If five or more fingers are up by the end of the page, this book is too difficult

Parent Tips to Encourage Reading

1. Set a schedule for reading. Make it the same time every day. One good time is to read right before bed.
2. Read alongside your child - be a model.
3. Talk about your child's book. Don't give a test; rather let your child tell you the storyline, talk about the characters or time and place. Ask what your child likes or dislikes about the book.
4. You may even want to read aloud to your child. Even older children sometimes enjoy this.
5. Celebrate reading with rewards.

There are many books from which to choose! The possibilities are as varied as all of you. What kinds of books do you like to read? What would be fun to curl up with over the summer? For a list of books that are perfect for readers your age at a variety of reading levels and interests, check our website:

jhenglish.victorschools.org

Click on Summer Reading to view some options. The Victor Free Library and the local bookstores will be happy to help you find the book that is right for you.

Here are some titles that our 7th graders enjoyed. Perhaps you would like them too.

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Something Upstairs

Ghosts/Historical Fiction

When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.

Colfer, Eoin

Artemis Fowl

Fantasy/ Science Fiction

When Artemis learns that his father has been kidnaped by the Russian mob, he races to the Arctic Circle where he finds an old acquaintance, Captain Holly Short, who is investigating a plot of the goblin mob.

Philbrick, Rodman

The Last Book in the Universe

Science Fiction

Spaz opens this book saying, "If you're reading this, it must be a thousand years from now. Because nobody reads anymore. Why bother when you can just probe it?"

Rinaldi, Anne

Time Enough for Drums

Historical Fiction

Sixteen-year-old Jem and her servant struggle to keep things going at home in Trenton, New Jersey, when the family men join the war for independence from the British king.

Trueman, Terry

Stuck in Neutral

Realistic Fiction

Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.

Cruise Control

Realistic Fiction

A talented basketball player struggles to deal with the helplessness and anger that come with having a brother rendered completely dysfunctional by severe cerebral palsy and a father who deserted the family.

