

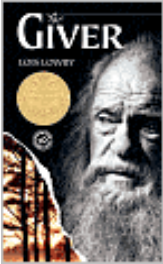
Summer Reading: Entering 7th Grade

Summer is the perfect time to do lots of reading. Your local bookstore and public library are good places to browse the shelves. Please read the following three books: *Hoot* and two books from the "suggested titles" list. SMPA will provide students with the required reading book but families are responsible for obtaining the remaining two books.

Families are encouraged to look for books at their local library. BOOKS DO NOT NEED TO BE PURCHASED

Assignment: Complete the attached worksheet for each book and be prepared to hand them in the first day of school. Summer reading is a test grade and is mandatory.

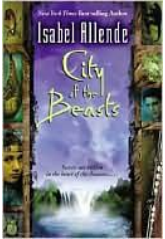
Required Reading



***The Giver* By Lois Lowry**

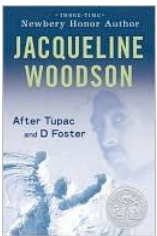
The protagonist, Jonas, lives in an comfortable world where no one is hungry and no one ever get sick. In this society, there is no pain and no feelings. At the age of twelve, Jonas is given his life assignment as The Receiver of memories. As he discovers the terrible truths about the society in which he lives, he makes a fateful decision about the importance of choice and free will.

Suggested Titles (Select two books from this list)



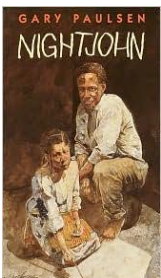
***City of the Beasts* By Isabel Allende**

When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians



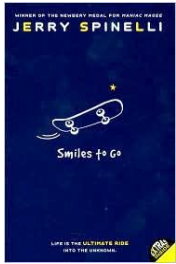
***After Tupac and D Foster* by Jacqueline Woodson**

The day D Foster enters Neeka and her best friend's lives, the world opens up for them. Suddenly they're keenly aware of things beyond their block in Queens, things that are happening in the world - like the shooting of Tupac Shakur - and in search of their Big Purpose in life. When - all too soon - D's mom swoops in to reclaim her, and Tupac dies, they are left with a sense of how quickly things can change and how even all-too-brief connections can touch deeply.



***Nightjohn* by Gary Paulsen**

Twelve-year-old Sarny's brutal life as a slave becomes even more dangerous when a newly arrived slave offers to teach her how to read.



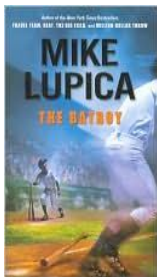
Smiles to Go by Jerry Spinelli

High school freshman Will Tuppence just wishes that girls were as simple as science. He's drawn to his bright young classmate Mi-Su, he's not sure whether they are just pizza pals, science mavens, or, he hopes, something more. Meanwhile, his loony-toon younger sister is driving him crazy and his frienemy BT is sending out some powerful mixed signals.



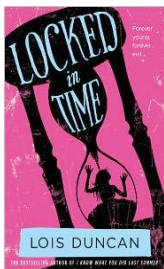
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.



The Batboy by Mike Lupica

For most young fans, a summer stint as a major league batboy would rank somewhere between a carefree lark and a dream; for fourteen year-old Brian, it is his best chance yet to win back the father who abandoned him. That fumbling hope might be foolish, but the friendship that he builds with an old player making a comeback is the right thing.



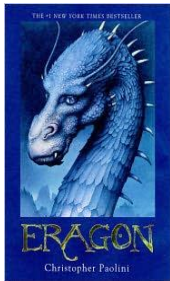
Locked in Time by Lois Duncan

Nore arrives at her stepmother's Louisiana plantation to find her new family odd and an aura of evil and mystery about the place.



Pendragon: The Merchant of Death: D.J. MacHale (SERIES: PENDRAGON)

Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. And not just Earth as we know it. Bobby is swept off to an alternate dimension known as Denduron, a territory ruled by a magical tyrant, and plagued by dangerous revolution. If Bobby wants to see his family again, he's going to have to accept his role. Because, as he is about to discover, Denduron is only the beginning. . . .



Eragon: by Christopher Paolini (SERIES: Inheritance Cycle)

Fifteen-year-old Eragon believes that he is merely a poor farm boy—until his destiny as a Dragon Rider is revealed. Gifted with only an ancient sword, a loyal dragon, and sage advice from an old storyteller, Eragon is soon swept into a dangerous tapestry of magic, glory, and power. Now his choices could save—or destroy—the Empire.