

Summer Reading: Entering 6th 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.

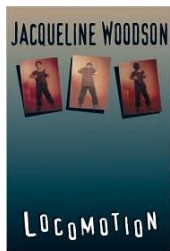
Required Reading:



Hoot by Carl Hiaassen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Suggested Titles (Select two books from this list)



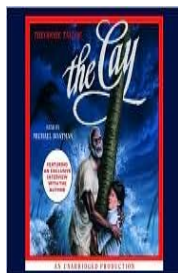
Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

In a series of poems, eleven-year-old Lonnie writes about his life, after the death of his parents, separated from his younger sister, living in a foster home, and finding his poetic voice at school.



Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Melody is learning to communicate with the world...and teaching the world how to communicate with her. If you are brave enough, strong enough, if you can bear to listen, hers is a story you need to hear.



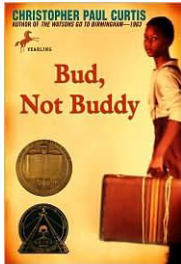
The Cay by Theodore Taylor

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.



Eleven by Patricia Reilly Giff

Sam is almost 11 when he discovers a locked box in the attic above his grandfather Mack's room, and a piece of paper that says he was kidnapped. He's desperate to find out who he is, and if his beloved Mack is really his grandfather. At night he's haunted by dreams of a big castle and a terrifying escape on a boat. Who can he trust to help him read the documents that could unravel the mystery?



Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

It's 1936 Flint, Michigan. Times may be hard, and 10-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy and his momma never told him who his father was, but she left a clue: posters of Herman E. Calloway and his band of renown. Bud is sure those posters will lead him to his father. Once he decides to hit the road, nothing can stop him, not hunger, not fear, not would-be vampires, not even Herman E. Calloway himself.



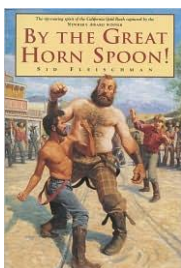
Swindle by Gordon Korman

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.



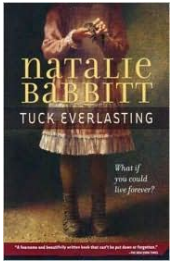
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Jessie and Evan Treski compete to see who will make \$100 first off of their respective lemonade stands. Full of surprisingly accessible and savvy marketing tips for running a stand (or making money at any business) and with clever mathematical visuals woven in, this sensitively characterized novel subtly explores how war can escalate beyond anyone's intent.



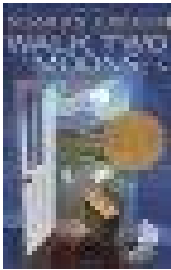
By The Great Horn Spoon! by Sid Fleischman

Jack's aunt is forced to sell her beloved mansion to meet her debts. She is still unable to raise enough money to pay her creditors, and Jack goes to California in search of gold in order to help her.



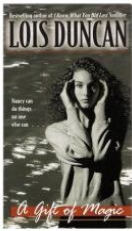
Tuck Everlasting Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.



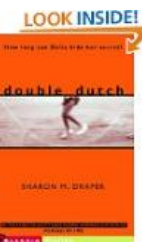
Walk Two Moons Sharon Creech

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left



A Gift of Magic Lois Duncan

When an old woman dies, she leaves her grandchild Nancy with the extraordinary gift of magic. Nancy can read people's minds, know their thoughts, and make them do what she wants. Will she use her gift for good or to satisfy her own selfish desires?



Double Dutch: Sharon Draper

Delia loves Double Dutch jump roping; she's good enough at it to participate in the world championships being held in her home city of Cincinnati. But Delia has an embarrassing secret that may jeopardize her place on the team: she can't read. She copes in school by relying on her memory, renting videos, doing projects that don't require writing, and behaving well enough not to be noticed. Her friend Randy has a secret, too. His father has been gone for weeks. Has he deserted his son just like Randy's mother deserted them? When the fearsome Tolliver twins, Tabu and Titan, arrive in the eighth grade, the threat of violence puts everyone on edge. The three interwoven stories heat up liwea and culminate in a happy, upbeat ending



Merchant of Death: T. J. McHale

Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is something very special about Bobby.

