

Entering 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

With this Summer Reading, as well as with their reading and work throughout the upcoming school year, students entering 7th Grade are to consider this essential question:

EQ: “*What establishes and nurtures a person’s sense of belonging to a community?*”

1. All students read one of the titles from the following list:

The Princess Bride by William Goldman (fiction; 456 pg.)

What happens when the most beautiful girl in the world marries the handsomest prince of all time and he turns out to be...well...a lot less than the man of her dreams?

The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis (fiction; 202 pg.)

Narnia... the land beyond the wardrobe door, a secret place frozen in eternal winter, a magical country waiting to be set free. Lucy is the first to find the secret of the wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first her brothers and sister don't believe her when she tells of her visit to the land of Narnia. But soon Edmund, then Peter and Susan step through the wardrobe themselves. In Narnia they find a country buried under the evil enchantment of the White Witch. When they meet the Lion Aslan, they realize they've been called to a great adventure and bravely join the battle to free Narnia from the Witch's sinister spell.

Eragon by Christopher Paolini (fiction; 502 pg.)

When Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself.

Sisters by Raina Telgemeier (fiction - graphic novel; 208 pg.)

Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be. Amara is cute, but she's also a cranky, grouchy baby, and mostly prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years. But when a baby brother enters the picture, and later, when something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan (fiction; 262 pg.)

Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico--she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass (fiction; 221 pg.)

Mia Winchell appears to be a typical kid, but she's keeping a big secret—sounds, numbers, and words have color for her. No one knows, and Mia wants to keep it that way. But when trouble at school finally forces Mia to reveal her secret, she must learn to accept herself and embrace her ability, called synesthesia, a mingling of the senses.

2. All students also need to read one book of choice. You can read another book on the list above or one listed on these two websites; www.goodreads.com or <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook>. Students are invited to choose books that are both challenging and interesting to them.