

2024-2025 Granville Middle School Seventh-Grade Summer Reading List

Students who read over the summer maintain comprehension skills, vocabulary, and fluency, critical components of reading achievement. In an effort to sustain literary growth, those entering grade seven are required to complete their summer reading by the first day of school. Assessments will vary based on the level of the course. This document contains book summaries to assist in establishing some background information about the texts. A link is provided to aid in comprehension for the common text which all students are required to read. *Young adult literature often focuses on challenges of youth and is classified as coming-of-age text. It may contain mature content. Please be aware of what your child is reading in and out of class.

English Language Arts 7

Required Reading: Common Text

Choose **ONE** book from the following list and complete the reading guide [LINKED HERE](#)

Wendelin Van Draanen - *The Running Dream*

An award-winning and inspiring novel. When Jessica's dreams are shattered, she puts herself back together—and learns to dream bigger than ever before.

Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident. She's not comforted by the news that she'll be able to walk with the help of a prosthetic leg. Who cares about walking when you live to run? As she struggles to cope with crutches and a first cyborg-like prosthetic, Jessica feels oddly both in the spotlight and invisible. People who don't know what to say, act like she's not there. Which she could handle better if she weren't now keenly aware that she'd done the same thing herself to a girl with CP named Rosa. A girl who is going to tutor her through all the math she's missed. A girl who sees right into the heart of her. With the support of family, friends, a coach, and her track teammates, Jessica may actually be able to run again. But that's not enough for her now. She doesn't just want to cross finish lines herself—she wants to take Rosa with her.

Winner of the Schneider Family Book Award

Margaret Peterson Haddix - *Among The Hidden*

SHADOW CHILDREN SERIES

Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he meets a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows - does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford *not* to?

