





# Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Required Summer Reading

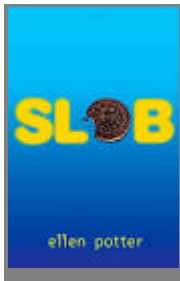
Welcome to 7th-grade! We are excited to meet each of you in the fall. Continuing to read over the summer is so important. It helps to build vocabulary and increases reading and writing skills.

**Directions:** Select one book to read this summer! The list below are *recommended* books to read but you must read one book over the summer that you have not read in the past. Please be sure to finish reading your chosen book **before** the first day of school. When you return to school, we will be completing an assignment, that will be graded, in class to highlight your knowledge and understanding of the text.

Be sure to get your parents/ guardians permission to read your selected book. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Margosiak at [lea.margosiak@motsd.org](mailto:lea.margosiak@motsd.org). Enjoy your summer!

Books (including E-book and audio) can be borrowed from the [Mount Olive Library](#).

	Realistic Fiction
	<p><a href="#">Million Dollar Throw</a> by Mike Lupica <b>960L</b></p> <p>Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie's family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy. When he gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriots game, he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed.</p>
	<p><a href="#">When You Reach Me</a> by Rebecca Stead <b>750L</b></p> <p>Miranda and her best friend, Sal, know how to navigate their New York City neighborhood. They know where it's safe to go, and they know who to avoid. But things start to unravel. Sal gets punched by a kid on the street for no reason, and he shuts Miranda out of his life. Then a mysterious note arrives. The notes keep coming, and Miranda realizes that whoever is leaving them knows things no one should know.</p>
	<p><a href="#">A Mango-Shaped Space</a> by Wendy Mass <b>770L</b></p> <p>Mia Winchell has synesthesia, the mingling of perceptions whereby a person can see sounds, smell colors, or taste shapes. Forced to reveal her condition, she must look to herself to develop an understanding and appreciation of her gift.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Out of my Mind</a> by Sharon Draper <b>700L</b></p> <p>Considered by many to have a cognitive disability, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy is trapped inside her body, determined to make a mark in the world in spite of her physical limitations.</p>



[Slob](#) by Ellen Potter **740L**

Twelve year old Owen is the fattest kid in school. But he's also a genius who invents cool contraptions. But genius or not, there is much Owen can't out-think. Like his gym coach, who's on a mission to humiliate him. Or the way his Oreos keep disappearing from his lunch. No matter how large he is on the outside, he doesn't have to feel small on the inside.



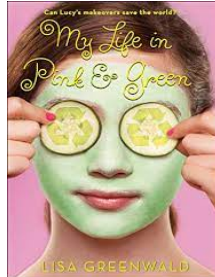
[Touch Blue](#) by Cynthia Lord **750L**

The state of Maine plans to shut down her island's schoolhouse, which would force Tess's family to move to the mainland--and Tess to leave the only home she has ever known. Fortunately, the islanders have a plan: increase the numbers of students by having families take in foster children. Now Tess and her family are taking a chance on Aaron, a thirteen-year-old trumpet player who has been bounced from home to home. Will Tess's luck run out?



[Wonderstruck](#) by Brian Selznick **830L**

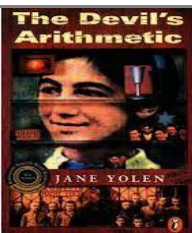
Ben and Rose secretly wish their lives were different. Ben longs for the father he has never known. Rose dreams of a mysterious actress whose life she chronicles in a scrapbook. When Ben discovers a puzzling clue in his mother's room and Rose reads an enticing headline in the newspaper, both children set out alone on desperate quests to find what they are missing.



[My Life in Pink and Green](#) by Lisa Greenwald **680L**

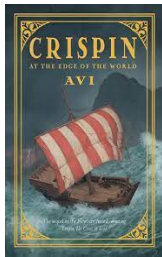
Twelve-year-old Lucy Desberg is a natural problem-solver. At her family's struggling pharmacy, she has a line of makeover customers for every school dance. But all the makeup tips in the world won't help save the business. If only she could find a way to make it the center of town again—a place where people want to spend time, like in the old days. Lucy dreams up a solution that could save the family business. But will Lucy's family stop fighting long enough to listen?

## Historical Fiction



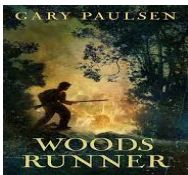
[The Devil's Arithmetic](#) by Jane Yolen **730L**

Hannah is tired of holiday gatherings—all her family ever talks about is the past. In fact, it seems to her that's what they do every Jewish holiday. But this year's Passover Seder will be different—Hannah will be mysteriously transported into the past . . . and only she knows the unspeakable horrors that await.



[Crispin: At the Edge of the World](#) by Avi **730L**

In this sequel to *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*, Crispin and Bear have set off to live as free men. But they don't get far before their past catches up with them. When Bear is badly wounded, it is up to Crispin to save them. To find freedom and safety, they may have to travel to the edge of the world—even if it means confronting death itself.



[Woods Runner](#) by Gary Paulsen **870L**

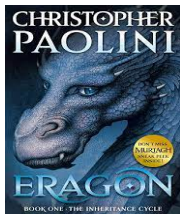
In 1776, 13-year-old Samuel returns home from hunting in the woods to find his settlement burned and most of the settlers missing.



[Code Talker](#) by Joseph Bruchac **910L**

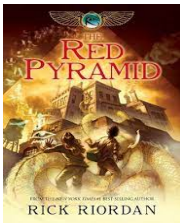
Throughout World War II, Navajo code talkers were a crucial part of the U.S. effort, sending messages back and forth in an unbreakable code that used their native language. They braved some of the heaviest fighting of the war, and they saved countless American lives. Joseph Bruchac brings their stories to life through the fictional tale of Ned, a sixteen-year-old Navajo boy who becomes a code talker.

## Science Fiction/Fantasy



[Eragon](#) by Christopher Paolini **710L**

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



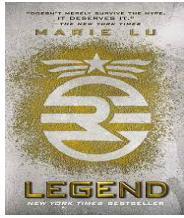
[The Red Pyramid](#) by Rick Riordan **650L**

Since their mother's death, Carter and Sadie have become near strangers. While Sadie has lived with her grandparents in London, her brother has traveled the world with their father, the brilliant Egyptologist, Dr. Julius Kane. One night, Dr. Kane brings the siblings together for a "research experiment" at the British Museum, where he hopes to set things right for his family. Instead, he unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes him to oblivion and forces the children to flee for their lives.



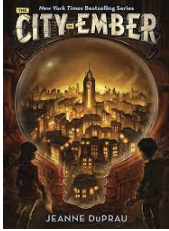
[Uglies](#) by Scott Westerfeld **770L**

Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from an Ugly into a stunning Pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a great time. But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to be pretty. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world -- and it isn't very pretty.



[Legend](#) by Marie Lu **710L**

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.



[The City of Ember](#) by Jeanne DuPrau **680L**

The City of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever.