

2024-25 GMS ADVANCED ELA 7 Incoming Seventh-Grade Summer Reading Requirements

Students who read over the summer maintain reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency. These are all critical components of reading achievement. In an effort to sustain literary growth and continue the great strides made in sixth grade, students entering seventh grade Language Arts are required to complete their summer reading by the first day of school. Assessments will be in the form of whole class discussion, written responses, and multiple choice questions.

DIRECTIONS: Please read both of the books mentioned below and complete the linked Graphic Organizers. You will need to create a local copy of the linked GO so you can type/save directly to your computer. Please avoid printing and writing as you will be asked to hand these in digitally when we return from summer break.

#1) *The Running Dream*: [Graphic Organizer CLICK HERE](#)

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

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#2) *Slider*: [Graphic Organizer CLICK HERE](#)

Competitive eating vies with family expectations in a funny, heartfelt novel for middle-grade readers by National Book Award winner Pete Hautman.

David can eat an entire sixteen-inch pepperoni pizza in four minutes and thirty-six seconds. Not bad. But he knows he can do better. In fact, he'll have to do better: he's going to compete in the Super Pigorino Bowl, the world's greatest pizza-eating contest, and he has to win it, because he borrowed his mom's credit card and accidentally spent \$2,000 on it. So he really needs that prize money. Like, yesterday.

As if training to be a competitive eater weren't enough, he's also got to keep an eye on his little brother, Mal (who, if the family believed in labels, would be labeled autistic, but they don't, so they just label him Mal). And don't even get started on the new weirdness going on between his two best friends, Cyn and HeyMan. Master talent Pete Hautman has cooked up a rich narrative shot through with equal parts humor and tenderness, and the result is a middle-grade novel too delicious to put down.

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