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Dear Incoming Seventh Grader,

In an effort to keep your reading skills sharp and fresh, the seventh grade team would like for you to read a minimum of one book and fulfill the **mandatory** annotation assignment below. Please view the recommended list of texts below. If none of the books appeal to you, please feel free to select your own title(s). Be prepared to use your annotations in September for an in-class assignment. Have a great summer!

Sticky Note Annotations

Directions: Please develop a relationship with your book by completing sticky note annotations. You must supply at least 12 annotations for each half of the book, totaling a minimum of 24 sticky note annotations.

Why annotate?

- It helps you **read actively**
- It helps you **remember information** from the story
- It helps you **construct meaning** and **understand** the book more

Ideas for Sticky Notes:

- **Information** or **opinions** about characters
- Something about a **character's personality** or history
- **Questions** about characters
- Information you're **confused** about
- What are you **wondering** about?
- **Connections** to your life
- **Connections** to other books or to movies
- **Predictions**
- Your **reactions** to particular scenes
- New **vocabulary** words with definitions
- **Insights** you have
- Something you **like** or **don't like** in the story
- **Figurative language** (imagery, metaphors, similes, personification, symbolism, hyperbole)

FMS Summer Reading Recommendations 2025 - Students Entering 7th Grade

Titles listed below are available at the Hastings Public Library and Vanishing Ink Bookstore.

Resistance by Jennifer A. Nielsen

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams

Maybe He Just Likes You by Barbara Dee

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac

Scat by Carl Hiaasen

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Unwind by Neil Shusterman

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson (nonfiction)