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Dear Incoming Seventh Grade Students and Families (all courses):

Welcome to middle school! The Macopin Middle School Language Arts teachers and I are eager to present the Summer Reading Lists to the Seventh Grade students for the 2020-2021 school year.

As you begin to enjoy your summer, please continue to make reading an important part of your family's activities. While reading strategies will be emphasized by your child's teacher throughout the school year, middle school children need to continue to read during the summer not only for enjoyment but also to sustain and strengthen skills they have already developed.

Each Seventh Grade student will be asked to read one book of his or her choice. We have provided a *suggested* list of titles. However, students are obviously encouraged to read beyond these requirements and can make other level-appropriate choices of books. Please be mindful of helping your child choose a book that is commensurate with his or her reading ability. If needed, you can reach out to your child's teacher for additional guidance about appropriate book choices.

To support families on their annual Summer Reading journeys, we partner with the [West Milford Township Public Library](#). In response to its current closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the library has created [this special Summer Reading page](#) on their website just for our Program with free resources which can be accessed remotely until the library can be opened; consider visiting the Library website (www.wmtl.org) periodically for updates on resumption of services. We have also compiled a [Free Digital Book Access](#) resource for your convenience.

All of this information can be accessed on the District's website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a wonderful, word-filled summer!

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7th Grade Summer Reading

Report to the Principal's Office by Jerry Spinelli **U**

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech **V**

The Moves Make the Man by Bruce Brooks **Z**

The Samurai's Tale by Erik Haugaard

What Would Joey Do? By Jack Gantos **T**

Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson **V**

Dogsong by Gary Paulsen **V**

Well Witched by Frances Hardinge

A Corner of the Universe by Ann M. Martin **Y**

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pies by Jordan Sonnenblick **V**

The Misfits by James Howe **X**

Divergent by Veronica Roth **Z**

Smiles to Go by Jerry Spinelli

The Compound by S.A. Bodeen

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George **U**

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton **Z**

Rumble Fish by S. E. Hinton

The Silent Boy by Lois Lowry **U**

Eragon by Christopher Paolini **V**

Clover by Dori Sanders

The Girlfriend by R.L. Stine

Storm Thief by Chris Wooding **X**

Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior by Chris Bradford **O**

Air Raid-Pearl Harbor (NF) by Theodore Taylor

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II (NF) by Joseph Bruchac

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 (NF)
by Jim Murphy

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time (NF) by Greg
Mortenson

The Diary of Latoya Hunter: My First Year in Junior High by Latoya Hunter (NF)

Red Scarf Girl (NF) Jiji Jang **X**

Scrappers Series by Dean Hughes:

Play Ball

Homerun Heroes

Grand Slam

Team Player

Shortstop From Tokyo by Matt Christopher **M**

The Hit-Away Kid by Matt Christopher **M**

The Home Run Kid Races On by Matt Christopher

Hot Shot by Matt Christopher by Matt Christopher

Soccer Hero by Matt Christopher

Eggs by Jerry Spinelli

Blue Ribbon Blues by Jerry Spinelli **M**

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli **W**
Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli **Y**
The Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla **N**
Tornado by Betsy Byars **O**
Shoeshine Girl by Betsy Byars
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume **M**
Otherwise Known As Shiela the Great by Judy Blume **R**
Double Fudge by Judy Blume **R**
It's Not the End of the World by Judy Blume **T**
The Castle In The Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop **R**
Mitch and Amy by Beverly Cleary **O**
Otis Spofford by Beverly Cleary **O**
Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary
Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary **O**
Two Dog Biscuits by Beverly Cleary **L**
The Dollhouse Murders by Betty Ren Wright **S**
The Homework Machine- by Dan Gutman **Q**
The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman **S**
I Am the Ice Worm by MaryAnn Easley
No Talking by Andrew Clements
Kit's Wilderness by David Almond
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
The Winter Room by Gary Paulsen **U**
The Pepins and Their Problems by Polly Horvath **U**