

Summer Reading 7th Grade

Dear Students--

I bet you have many plans for a relaxing and fun summer! Of course, I hope that you have included reading on your list. Here are the guidelines concerning our summer reading requirements:

1. Select one book from the list below to read.
2. Read a book of your own choosing.
3. After you have read these **two**, required books, send me a letter or email. Tell me the titles and authors of the two books you read and what you liked or didn't like about them. Would you recommend the books? Do **NOT** send me summaries of the books. However, please tell me what type of books you enjoy reading most. Also, I would like you to tell me how your summer is going—what you've been doing, etc. **Don't forget to include your name!** I will be sharing your letters and e-mails with the new seventh-grade language arts teacher, as well.
4. I should receive your letter/e-mail by **Wednesday, August 4th**.

Have a wonderful summer! ~Mrs. Angie Meyer

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Rules by Cynthia Lord---Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. However, she finds this nearly impossible due to her eight-year-old autistic brother, David. By creating a list of rules such as "A boy can take off his shirt to swim, but not his shorts," Catherine attempts to stave off future embarrassment.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George---When my big brother and I first read this Newbery Award winner (long, long ago!), we quickly made plans to hollow out and live in the largest tree we could find. Like the hero, Sam, we also planned on having our own pet falcons while surviving in the wilderness. This novel is a timeless adventure story!

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins---In a dystopian future, teens fight for survival as contestants on a gladiator-type, reality TV show. What happens when we choose mindless entertainment over humanity? Join Katniss and Peeta in their disturbing, futuristic world to find out.

Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins---In the second book of the trilogy and against all odds, Katniss Everdeen has won the annual Hunger Games with fellow district tribute Peeta Mellark. But it was a victory won by defiance of the Capitol and their harsh rules. Katniss and Peeta should be happy. After all, they have just won for themselves and their families a life of safety and plenty. But there are rumors of rebellion among the subjects, and Katniss and Peeta, to their horror, are the faces of that rebellion. The Capitol is angry. The Capitol wants revenge.

Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers Edition by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin---"When men make plans, God laughs." Greg Mortenson thought he was just on a mountain climbing expedition, so how in the world did he end up building a school? Follow him on his incredible, inspiring adventure as he repays a Pakistani village for their compassion and kindness.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart---Do you dare answer an ad that asks, "Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" If you choose to read this clever novel, you can attempt to pass a series of mysterious, mind-bending tests along with the main characters...all from the comfort and safety of your own home or perhaps while you sit poolside. Don't forget your sunscreen!