

## Trickum Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2014 Summer Reading List

Students should choose **TWO** books from the list below and read them over the summer. Be prepared to do activities with those two books in the fall.

**\*\*nonfiction or narrative nonfiction      \*young adult content – parents may want to preview**

- ***Double Identity***- Margaret Peterson Haddix (Lexile Level: 810)
  - Confused 12-year-old Bethany tries to figure out why her family mysteriously shunned her; she ends up learning her family's secrets in the process.
- ***Rules***- Cynthia Lord (Lexile Level: 780)
  - Twelve-year-old Catherine confronts her conflicting feelings about her autistic, younger brother David by creating 'rules' to help him cope.
- **\*Any novel by Mike Lupica** (approximate Lexile Level: 840)
  - Mike Lupica, a prominent sport writer and young adult author, is known for writing young adult, sports fiction featuring male main characters who must cope with real adolescent concerns.
- ***Blindsided***- Priscilla Cummings (approximate Lexile Level: 710)
  - Natalie O'Reilly, a typical fourteen year- old girl, is stunned when a routine visit to the eye doctor produces devastating news: Natalie will lose her sight within a few short months. Suddenly her world turns upside down.
- ***Conspiracy 365 Series*** by Gabrielle Lord (Lexile Level: 680)
  - Hurlled into a life on the run after his father's mysterious death and hunted by the law and ruthless criminals who have put a price on his head, the 15-year-old fugitive Cal must somehow uncover the truth about his father's mysterious death.
- **\*\* & \* *First crossing : Stories about teen immigrants*** – Donald Gallo, editor (Lexile Level: 820)
  - "Stories by eleven well-known authors touch on a variety of teen experiences, with enough attitude and angst to speak to young adults anywhere." -- SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL Each of these stories is unique, and each one has something to say to all of us.
- **\*\**Chasing Lincoln's Killer***- James L. Swanson (Lexile Level: 980)
  - Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the man hunters, *CHASING LINCOLN'S KILLER* is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.
- ***The Apothecary series*** - Maile Meloy (Lexile Level: 980)
  - After moving from Los Angeles to London in 1952, fourteen-year-old Janie becomes friends with Benjamin Burrows, an apothecary's son whose life dream is to be a spy. Soon Janie and Benjamin are caught up in more intrigues than they expected in this fantasy-adventure novel.

- ***Almost Home-*** (Lexile Level: 590)
  - Homeless 12-year-old Sugar and her mother struggle to relocate to Chicago. With the help of a rescue dog Shush, a foster family, a supportive teacher, a love of poetry, and her own grace and good humor, Sugar comes to understand that while she can't control the hand life deals her she can control how she responds.
  
- ***I Funny series*** - (Lexile Level: 610)
  - Built around the notion of a middle-grade stand-up comedian who delivers jokes sitting down due to being confined in a wheelchair, James Patterson's Jamie Grimm, a hopeful contestant for the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic Contest, manages to tug at readers' heartstrings while keeping them thoroughly entertained.
  
- ***Zane and the Hurricane-*** Rodman Philbrick (Lexile Level: 860)
  - In this historical, realistic fiction novel, Zane Dupree's visit to meet his great-grandmother for the first time turns into a nightmare when Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans. Separated from his family, this charismatic 12-year-old biracial boy soon teams with a kind, elderly musician and a scrappy young girl to overcome the obstacles and trials of this natural disaster.
  
- ***Chomp OR Hoot OR Scat OR Flush-*** Carl Hiaasen (Lexile Level range: 800 - 830)
  - Any of these edge-of-your-seat environmental thrillers feature spunky, quirky Florida tweens and teens tackling environmental conservation issues and challenging reckless greed.
  
- ***How to Survive Middle School-*** Donna Gephart (Lexile Level: 660)
  - Eleven-year-old, new 6<sup>th</sup> grader David Greenberg dreams of becoming a TV superstar like his idol, Jon Stewart. With a wacky sense of humor and hilarious Top 6½ Lists, David spends his free time making Talk Time videos, which he posts on YouTube. When his new, cool friend Sophie shares links to his videos with all her friends, David has to decide if he's ready for his newfound middle-school 'stardom.'
  
- ***\*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (series)-*** Ransom Riggs (Lexile Level: 890)
  - Interspersed with 'vintage' photographs throughout, this haunting fantasy thriller will appeal to readers who love the author Lemony Snicket or the book *Coraline*. A skeptical 16-year-old Jacob grew up listening to the fantastical tales of his grandfather's childhood spent at an orphanage filled with children with unusual powers and evil monsters lurking in the shadows. When Jacob's grandfather dies under mysterious circumstances, Jacob travels to that orphanage to investigate, discovering that the people...and monsters...might be real after all.
  
- ***Ungifted*** - Gordon Korman (Lexile Level: 730)
  - A funny and touching underdog story, this lovable and goofy adventure involves robot fights, middle-school dances, live experiments, and statue-toppling pranks as impulse-driven, prankster Donovan finds himself at his school system's Academy for Scholastic Distinction. Will he discover that his giftedness lies in helping the smart kids by teaching them how to be "normal?"

Dear Parents of Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Graders,

Rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to read a minimum of two books this summer. Maze Runner by James Dasher is the required book for ALL rising 7<sup>th</sup> grades. The other selection can be your choice. Please use the list of suggested titles below. Students should be prepared to discuss the books upon return to school in August. We strongly encourage students to read over the two book minimum during the summer months to help prepare them for the rigorous 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. There will be a contest sponsored by the Trickum Media Center that requires more reading than suggested in order to earn some great prizes. Take a look at the TMS Summer Reading program on our website for more information!

Your child should be prepared to turn in this form during the first week of school in August. While only two books are required, students are encouraged to complete and record additional summer reading books.

### **Summer Reading List for Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade students should read a minimum of 2 books this summer.

Maze Runner (Series) by James Dasher

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz

Berlin Boxing Club by Robert Sharenow

Matched (Series) by Ally Condie

Cinder (Series) by Marissa Meyer

Silver by Chris Wooding

Slated (Series) by Teri Terry

See You at Harry's by Jo Knowles

One for the Murphy's by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading (Series) by Tommy Greenwald

iFunny: A Middle School Story (Series) by James Patterson

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author (Last Name)</b>	<b>Pages</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Parent Signature</b>

Dear Parents of Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders,

To foster a wonderful beginning for the 2014-2015 school year, 8th grade students are required to read a minimum of two books over the summer. Two summer reading books must be books that **have not been made into a movie**. Use the suggested titles listed below or choose two comparable personal choice books. **Students have the option to read books of their choice and are not required to select from the list.**

At least two must be completed, recorded, and verified with a parent signature by the first day of our new school year in August. In addition, students should be prepared on the first day of school to respond to the question, "What value does this book hold for the modern teenager?"

**8<sup>th</sup> grade students should read a minimum of 2 books this summer.**

**Suggested 'Hot Reads' for 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

*Skinny*. By Donna Cooner

*This Song Will Save Your Life*, Leila Sales

*I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to The Blind Side, and Beyond* by Michael Oher

*The Living* by Matt De La Peña

*The Dangerous Days of Daniel X* by James Patterson

*Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

*Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein

*Call of the Wild* by Jack London

*Gallagher Girls (series)* by Ally Carter

*Unwind (Series)* by Neal Shusterman

*The Alchemyst (series)* by Nicholas Flamel

*Song of the Lioness (series)* by Tamora Pierce

*Zach's Lie* by Roland Smith

*The Truth About Forever* by Sarah Dessen

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stephenson

*Peter and the Starcatchers (series)* by D. Barry and R. Pearson

*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson

*The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod (series)* by Heather Brewer

*The Bluford Series* published by Townsend Press

*The Maze Runner (series)* by James Dashner

*Matched (series)* by Allyson Condie

*Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery* by John Feinstein

*Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz

*The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han

*Berlin Boxing Club* by Rob Sharenow

*Blood Brothers* by S.A. Harazin

*Navy Seal Dogs (series)* by M. Ritland, G. Brozek & T. Feldman

*Last Chance Texaco* by Brent Hartinger

*Hidden* by Helen Frost

*The Big Field* by Mike Lupica

*Legend (series)* by Marie Lu

*Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel

*House of Scorpion (series)* by Nancy Farmer

Because we know that you and your child value reading, we have provided spaces for five books but strongly encourage students to read many more over the summer months to help prepare them for the rigorous writing curriculum in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Book Title	Author (Last Name)	Pages	Comments	Parent Signature