

Dear Rising Seventh Grader,

It's time to think about summer reading! I hope you have lots of time to read books this summer. I want you to read books that you will enjoy, so I've included a lot of choices.

Here's your Required Summer Reading Assignment:

1. Please read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry toward the end of the summer. When you have completed the book, **you must take a Reading Counts Quiz online by Friday, September 1, 2017**. You can access this through the Unity School webpage under Academics/Media Center. <http://www.unityschool.com/Academics/MediaCenter.aspx>
2. When school begins in August, **be prepared to discuss this book**.

Here's your Free Choice Summer Reading Assignment:

1. **Choose and read 2 (two) books from the suggested reading list.**
2. **You must take a Reading Counts Quiz online on these two books by Friday, September 1, 2017.**
3. **You must write a 6-8 sentence review for each book.** Be sure to have a good topic sentence about whether you recommend the book or not, at least three details from the story to back up your opinion and a concluding sentence. These are due by Friday, **September 1, 2017**.

That's it. Enjoy your reading. Read as much as you can, and I will see you in August. If you have any problems or questions, please email me at theinonen@unityschool.com or Mrs. Ferguson at bferguson@unityschool.com

Have a safe, fun summer,

Ms. Heinonen

Unity School Summer Reading Program

Students Entering Grade 7 - 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

The following books are recommended for summer reading. Titles are chosen for their applicability to the curriculum, their recognition in journals, and in some cases, because of awards they have received. Students are encouraged to read as many books on the list as they choose; however, they must read the required title as well as two other books of their choice before the start of the school year. Students may NOT choose a book they have already read, either in class or for another book report. Enjoy reading and have a wonderful summer!

Please note these are suggested books based on published lists for middle school students and have not been reviewed for content. Parents need to use their own discretion when students are choosing books.

Seventh Grade Summer Reading List:

*Required: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Please read this book toward the end of the summer, take a Reading Counts Quiz online, and be prepared to discuss it in August.

*Free Choices: Please read two of the following books, complete a Reading Counts Quiz online for each, and write a one paragraph review of each due in August.

Around the World in 80 Days	Verne
The Bean Trees	Kingsolver
*****Better Nate than Ever	Federle
Beware Princess Elizabeth	Meyer, C.
The Big Field	Lupica
Boys' War	Murphy
Call of the Wild	London
A Circle Unbroken	Hotze
*Claudette Colvin, Twice Toward Justice	Hoose
*****Courage Has No Color, The True Story of the Triple Nickles:	
America's First Black Paratroopers	Stone
Danger Zone	Klass
<u>Dangerous Days of Daniel X, The</u>	Patterson
*****Doll Bones	Black
Downsiders	Shusterman
***Dead End in Norvelt	Gantos
Eldest	Paolini
Emergency Room	Cooney
Fell Back	Kerr
Fell Down	Kerr
Firegirl	Abbott
The Fog	Cooney, C.
Heat	Lupica
The Hero and the Crown	McKinley, R.
How to Ruin A Summer Vacation	Elkeles
The Hunger Games Series	Collins
Hunger Games, Catching Fire, Mockingjay	
Just Listen	Dessen

The Hobbit	Tolkien
King of Shadows	Cooper
Life As We Knew It	Pfeffer
The Man Who Was Poe	Avi
*Mare's War	Davis
Marley and Me	Grogan
Maximum Ride: School's Out Forever	Patterson
Miriam's Well	Ruby
Monster	Myers
*****Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the Most Notorious Nazi	Bascomb
New Moon, Twilight, Eclipse, Breaking Dawn	Meyer
*****Paperboy	Vawter
Prince and the Pauper	Twain
River Secrets	Hale
Road of the Dead	Brooks
Scorpion	Myers, W.D.
Secret Life of Bees	Kidd
****Seraphina	Hartman, R.
**Ship Breaker	Bacigalupe
Squashed	Bauer
The Three Musketeers	Dumas
****Three Times Lucky	Turnage, S.
Treasure Island	Stevenson
The Wall: Growing Up Behind The Iron Curtain	Sis
The Wednesday Wars	Schmidt
Up a Road Slowly	Hunt
The Uglies, Pretties or Specials (any in series)	Westerfeld
Witch & Wizard	Patterson
Within Reach: My Everest Story	Pfetter
****Wonder Show	Barnaby, H.

*2010 Award/Honor Books

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***2012 Award/Honor Books

****2013 Award/Honor Books

*****2014 Award/Honor Books