

Dear Rising Seventh Graders,

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

Here's your Required Summer Reading:

1. Please read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry toward the end of the summer. This way the book will be fresh in your memory when the school year begins.
2. When school begins in August, **be prepared to discuss this book in class.**

Here's your Free Choice Summer Reading Assignment:

1. **Choose and read 2 (two) books from the suggested reading list.**
2. **You must write a half a page 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. The reviews are due by **Friday, August 22, 2025.**

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 bkiernan@unityschool.com

Have a safe and fun summer,

Mrs. Kiernan

Unity School Summer Reading Program

Students Entering Grade 7 - 2025

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 and be prepared to discuss it in September.

*Free Choices: Please read two of the following books and write a half a page review of each due in August.

TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	PAGES
All Better Now	Neal Shusterman	Science Fiction/Dystopian	528
Arc of the Scythe Series	Neal Shusterman	Science Fiction/Dystopian	464
Around the World in 80 Days	Jules Verne	Classics/Adventure	248
Better Nate Than Ever	Tim Federle	Realistic Fiction	304
Beware Princess Elizabeth	Carolyn Meyer	Historical Fiction	224
Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon	Steve Sheinkin	American History	304
Books of Bayern Series	Shannon Hale	Fantasy	432
Boys' War	Jim Murphy	Civil War History	128

Bye Forever, I Guess	Jodi Meadows	Realistic Fiction	288
Call of the Wild	Jack London	Classics/Adventure	136
Claudette Colvin, Twice Toward Justice	Phillip Hoose	Social Justice Biography	160
Courage Has No Color	Tanya Lee Stone	Military History	160
Dead End in Norvelt	Jack Gantos	Humor	384

Doll Bones	Holly Black	Scary/Mystery	272
Downsiders	Neal Shusterman	Fantasy	272
Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown	Steve Sheinkin	American History	352
Firegirl	Tony Abbott	Realistic Fiction	160
Game	Walter Dean Myers	Sports Fiction	240
Heat	Mike Lupica	Sports Fiction	256
Hoops	Walter Dean Myers	Sports Fiction	224
Just Listen	Sarah Dessen	Romance	400
Life As We Knew It	Susan Beth Pfeffer	Dystopian	352
Mare's War	Tanita S Davis	Military Historical Fiction	352
Marley and Me	Josh Grogan	Animal Memoir	320
Maximum Ride Series	James Patterson	Adventure	464
Miriam's Well	Lois Ruby	Realistic Fiction	238
Monster	Walter Dean Myers	Realistic Fiction	281
Prince and the Pauper	Mark Twain	Classics/Historical Fiction	240
Scorpions	Walter Dean Myers	Realistic Fiction	224
Seraphina	Rachel Hartman	Medieval Historical Fiction	528
Ship Breaker	Paolo Bacigalupi	Fantasy/Dystopian	352
Slam!	Walter Dean Myers	Sports Fiction	288
The Big Field	Mike Lupica	Sports Fiction	272
The Dangerous Days of Daniel X,	James Patterson	Mystery/Science Fiction	269

The First Rule of Punk	Celia C. Perez	Realistic Fiction	336
The Hobbit	J R R Tolkien	Classics/Fantasy	320
The Hunger Games Series	Suzanne Collins	Science Fiction/Dystopian	384
The Inheritance Cycle Series	Christopher Paolini	Fantasy	528
The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity	Nicholas Day	Art History	288
The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi	Neal Bascomb	Holocaust History	272
The Ogress and the Orphans	Kelly Barnhill	Fantasy	416
The Secret Life of Bees	Sue Monk Kidd	Realistic Fiction	352
The Three Musketeers	Alexandre Dumas	Classics/Adventure	656
The Wednesday Wars	Gary D Schmidt	Historical Fiction	288

Three Times Lucky	Shelia Turnage	Mystery	336
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	Classics/Adventure	240
Twilight Series	Stephanie Meyer	Fantasy/Romance	416
Uglies Series	Scott Westerfeld	Science Fiction	432
Witch & Wizard Series	James Patterson	Fantasy	320
Within Reach: My Everest Story	Mark Pfetzer	Mountain Climbing Biography	224
Wonder Show	Hannah Barnaby	Historical Fiction	288