

2022 Summer Reading List for Incoming 7th Graders

As part of the Lake Local School District mission to create lifelong learners, Lake Middle School is encouraging all students to read this summer.

We are asking that you read ONE **fiction** book of **150 pages or more** that you have **not read before**. **The following list may provide some suggestions. Note that these are suggestions; you may choose another novel that fits the criteria.** Bring your summary and illustration to share on August 19, 2022.

NOTE: A Lexile text measure is based on two strong predictors of how difficult a text is to comprehend: word frequency and sentence length. Many other factors affect the relationship between a reader and a book, including its content, the age and interests of the reader, and the design of the actual book.

You are not allowed to read a graphic novel for summer reading. You may use an audio book; however, if you choose this option, you will need to get a copy of the book and follow along as you are listening so that you are able to find textual evidence when needed.

(These are some options for finding your books: You may use your own book, one from the public library, or Sora.)

***Heart of a Champion* by Carl Deuker**

650 Lexile

199 pages

Seth faces a strain on his friendship with Jimmy in high school, who is both a baseball champion and makes poor choices. (some mature content)

***Cages* by Peg Kehret**

680 Lexile

150 pages

After losing an acting role and fighting with her alcoholic stepfather, Kit is arrested for shoplifting and ordered to work, as part of her sentence, at an animal shelter.

***Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

800 Lexile

153 pages

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

*Summaries are taken from <http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx>

These books are available at the Stark County District Library, most public libraries, or can be purchased at most bookstores.

We are looking forward to an engaging and exciting school year. Sharpen your brain and read this summer.

Remember that readers are leaders!

Student Name: _____

Book Title: _____ Author: _____

Directions: Please complete **all three** of the assignments below for your summer reading book.

1. After reading the book, write a 10-15 sentence **original summary** of the book in your neatest handwriting, or you may type it in a legible 12 point font. Include the beginning, middle, and end of the book. Also include the title, main characters' names, the setting, and main problem. Please use correct capitalization, spelling, and punctuation.
2. Then choose a scene from the book that is a favorite or is important to the book and **illustrate** it on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of unlined paper. (printer paper would be best) It should reflect any details mentioned in the novel, be neatly drawn, and neatly colored as it will be our first student work displayed in the classroom. Don't worry if you aren't an artist, neither am I! Just do your best work. ☺
3. Across the bottom or top of your illustration write or type a **sentence caption** with correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation to describe the scene you have chosen to illustrate.

Summer Reading Assignment Checklist

Name: _____

Summary.....10 points

- _____ Title
- _____ Beginning
- _____ Middle
- _____ End
- _____ Main character's name
- _____ Setting
- _____ Main problem
- _____ 10-15 sentences
- _____ Correct capitalization, spelling, punctuation

Illustration.....3 points

- _____ Scene from the book on 8 1/2x11 paper
- _____ Neatly drawn and neatly colored
- _____ Reflects details

Caption.....2 points

- _____ Sentence describes illustration
- _____ Correct capitalization, spelling, punctuation

Total.....15 points

Sample

In Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage, Moses (Mo) LoBeau, the main character, is a 6th grader who lives in Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, in what seems to be the early or mid-2000's. Mo washed up in Tupelo Landing during a hurricane when she was a baby, and she is trying to find her "Upstream Mother" by casting bottles with messages into the local rivers. However, the action really begins when a local old man is murdered, causing the small town to erupt in drama and confusion. Mo and her best friend Dale decide to become detectives, to find Mo's Upstream Mother and to solve the murder, even though Dale is a suspect himself. The story becomes more complicated by other side stories - Mo's rivalry with another girl, a NASCAR race, Dale's alcoholic father, and Mo's guardians (one of whom has amnesia and may also be connected to the crime). Through it all, Mo and Dale try to solve the murder mystery and protect the town from a killer on the loose. Everything changes when Mo's guardians disappear and/or are kidnapped before a hurricane, and Mo feels abandoned again. However, Dale points out that the whole town is supporting Mo, which gives her the bravery and helps to find out who the killer and the accomplice really are. After the criminals are caught and the mystery is solved, Mo realizes once and for all that all the family she needs are around her already.