2022 - Camillus Middle School 6th Grade to 7th Grade Summer Reading List

Participation is mandatory for every student entering 7th grade. Below is the list of summer reading books selected from varying literary genres from which your child will select. Many of these books are of high interest at typical reading levels. Other selections may be written at a more challenging reading level or contain more challenging content.

**Parental review and assistance is expected to help children find literature that is both content appropriate and meets a comfortable reading level for your child.**

- Park, Linda Sue. **Prairie Lotus.** *Prairie Lotus* is a powerful book about a girl determined to fit in and realize her dreams of getting an education, becoming a dressmaker in her father’s shop, and making at least one true friend. This book tells the story of a young half-Asian girl living in a small town in America’s heartland in 1880 who has to adjust to her new surroundings and create a life for herself. Hannah’s story will keep you turning the pages! (730L)

- Korman, Gordon. **Ungifted.** When Donovan Curtis pulls a major prank at his middle school, he thinks he’s finally gone too far. Thanks to a mix-up, instead of getting in trouble, Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students. Although it wasn’t exactly what Donovan had intended, the students and teachers grow to realize that Donovan may not be good at most school subjects, but he shows that he has other gifts that are exactly what the group of students never knew they needed. (730L)

- Stead, Rebecca. **When You Reach Me.** Shortly after a fall-out with her best friend, sixth grader Miranda starts receiving mysterious notes, and she doesn’t know what to do. The notes tell her that she must write a letter—a true story, and that she can’t share her mission with anyone. It would be easy to ignore the strange messages, except that whoever is leaving them has an uncanny ability to predict the future. If that is the case, then Miranda has a big problem—because the notes tell her that someone is going to die, and she is afraid that she may be too late to stop it. (750L)

- Vail, Rachel. **Unfriended.** When Truly is invited to sit at the popular table with the group she has dreamed of joining, she can hardly believe her luck. Everyone is so nice and kind. However, all is not as it seems with her new friends. Soon she’s caught in a wave of lies, misunderstandings, and accusations that are happening very publicly in the relentless social media world from which there is no escape. In this intriguing book, six eighth graders struggle to understand their fractured glimpse into one another’s lives and navigate middle school drama at its worst. (670L)

- Key, Watt. **Terror at Bottle Creek.** In this gritty, realistic wilderness adventure, thirteen-year-old Cort is caught in a battle against a Gulf Coast hurricane. Cort’s father is a local expert on hunting and swamp lore in lower Alabama and has taught his son everything he needs to survive. When a deadly category 3 storm makes landfall, Cort must unexpectedly put all of his skills and bravery to the test. Amid miles of storm-thrashed wetlands filled with dangerous, desperate wild animals, it’s up to Cort to win—or lose—the fight for their lives. (650L)

- Bell, Cece. **El Deafo.** Written as a graphic novel, El Deafo loosely chronicles the author’s childhood experiences growing up deaf. Cece starts a new school wearing a hearing aid, after spending time in a deaf classroom. She must get used to a new school and making new friends. Using her new hearing aid, she quickly discovers that it seems to have superpowers! Her hearing aid gives her the ability to hear, but sometimes she hears things that she’s not supposed to. *El Deafo* is about making friends, growing up, and acknowledging differences amongst peers. (420L)

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