

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading 2017
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Study after study has shown that the best way to acquire vocabulary, improve reading comprehension, and to enhance writing skills is through wide-reading. Not only does reading provide students a chance to engage in interesting narrative, but it also provides the opportunity to develop language skills. Consider the following:

To read complex texts, students need a knowledge base that is both broad and deep. Much of this knowledge base is built through reading itself. Students must read both widely and deeply, to find topics that interest them and to learn about those topics at a complex, academic level. *Journeys*, 6th grade Ed., p.vi, 2014 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

***Required Reading for Summer: Choose ONE book from the following:**

- Nominees for the 2017-2018 South Carolina Junior Book Award
<http://www.scasl.net/junior-book-award>
- Newbery Award Book (Middle School Level)
- Previous South Carolina Junior Book Award Winner

***Although the majority of these novels are recommended by the American Library Association, we encourage parents and students to investigate and discuss book options together in order to make appropriate choices.**

Upon completion of the book, write a review. This is a graded assignment and is due the first full day of school in August. Reviews will be made available throughout the year in the classroom to assist students in book selections.

Reading Requirement for the School Year:

It is my hope that you read many other books this summer and throughout the year. **Seventh grade students are required to read 15 books for English class.** A copy of the genre requirements and a reading log is provided. The books you read this summer may count toward this requirement so be sure to log in all the books you read. I will do the same. I am looking forward to discussing the books we enjoyed when we return to school in August!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Huminski
7th Grade ELA

Handouts:

- List of the 2017-2018 South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees
- Directions for completing a book review
- Sample book review
- Book review rubric
- 2017-2018 Reading Requirement and Log