

Dear 7th Grade Middle School Parents and Students,

As you head into your exciting summer, I encourage you to take some summer reading with you! The more you read, the better!

That being said, when you return to school in the fall, you will be expected to have read at least two books. Both of these books must be read prior to the writing assignment. The writing portion is due by August 1st.

Read (1) one of the following books and (1) one free choice book. Then go to the link below to submit a 500-word response on the book you read from the list by August 1st:
[7th grade summer reading/writing assignment](#)

- **Counting By 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- **Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes* by Jonathan Auxier
- **Dead End In Norvelt* by Jack Gantos
- **Anne of Green Gables* by L. M. Montgomery
- **Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- **The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
- **A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
- **Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

When you read, you should pay attention to the main characters, various settings, plots, and themes presented in the books. These elements will be addressed in the summer assignment and discussed in the first few weeks of class. **You will write the essay over the book from the list, and you will do an assignment the first week of class from the book of your choice.** There are additional sentences on the Google Forms assignment, so please read to the end before submitting your assignment.

In addition to the books you choose from the reading list, please continue reading all summer. At this age, reading levels and interests widely vary. Therefore, I always encourage parents to look at these selections with your child when they are choosing. Focus on the Family has a wonderful website with hundreds of book reviews from a Christian perspective! I encourage you to visit commonsensemedia.org to preview books before your child reads them. In some cases, you may want to read the book with your child and discuss difficult topics. Don't dismiss reading aloud to each other. They are NOT too old! No matter what they choose to read for pleasure, it is important to simply get them reading. A short, easy read can spark an interest and encourage reluctant readers to keep reading. You can never read too many books! Thank you for your support. I hope you enjoy your summer reading. See you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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