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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Carl H. Kumpf Middle School language arts teachers, supervisor, and I are eager to present the summer reading lists to the sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students for the 2019-2020 school year. Each student, including those slated for an **honors-level course**, will be asked to read the **“required” book** for his/her grade level and **one more book** from the “suggested” list. Students in **resource-level language arts classes** are expected to read the **one “required” book** over the summer; they do **not** need to read any “suggested” books. You will notice that the attached list contains titles for all students but with additional ones as well. If a resource student chooses to go beyond the requirement to read an additional book, he/she may want to select one from this “additional” list as these books are on a slightly lower reading level. All students are obviously encouraged to read beyond the previously described requirements. Please be mindful of helping your child choose a book that is commensurate with his/her reading ability. Also, please consult teachers, local librarians, and book websites as you aid your child in choosing books to gain information about reading levels and other information about various titles.

In order to complete the summer reading requirement, students (**not including** those in resource classes) should be prepared to take a reading comprehension test based on the required novel once they return to school. Also, within the first two weeks of school, your child (**including** those in resource classes) will complete a writing assignment based on the other book(s) that he/she read from the suggested list (for resource students, this assignment will be focused around the one required book). In order to best prepare for this assignment, we encourage your child to keep a set of notes and/or an outline as he/she reads his/her suggested book(s). These notes and/or this outline may be used in class as your child crafts his/her individual writing assignment.

Both the test and the writing assignment will be administered in your child’s language arts class during the first two weeks of school. Specific dates for these assessments will be provided by your child’s teacher when he/she returns to school. For your convenience, the summer reading lists are posted on the CHK website and they have been sent to the Clark Public Library and the Barnes & Noble store in Clark. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone at 732-574-9600 ext. 3392 or via e-mail at egrande@clarkschools.org.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Happy Reading!

Yours sincerely,

Edward Grande



6th Grade Summer Reading

Required Title:

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Suggested Titles:

Schooled by Gordon Korman

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson

Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson

11 Before 12 by Lisa Greenwald

Are You There God? It's Me Margaret by Judy Blume

Additional Titles:

Scrappers Series by Dean Hughes:

Play Ball

Homerun Heroes

Grand Slam

Team Player

Shortstop From Tokyo by Matt Christopher

The Hit-Away Kid by Matt Christopher

The Home Run Kid Races On by Matt Christopher

Hot Shot by Matt Christopher by Matt Christopher

Soccer Hero by Matt Christopher

Eggs by Jerry Spinelli

Blue Ribbon Blues by Jerry Spinelli

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

The Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla

Tornado by Betsy Byars

Shoeshine Girl by Betsy Byars

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

Otherwise Known As Sheila the Great by Judy Blume

Double Fudge by Judy Blume

It's Not the End of the World by Judy Blume

The Castle In The Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

Mitch and Amy by Beverly Cleary

Otis Spofford by Beverly Cleary

Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary

Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary

Two Dog Biscuits by Beverly Cleary

The Dollhouse Murders by Betty Ren Wright

The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman

6th Grade Summer Reading

Additional Titles (Continued):

The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman

I Am the Ice Worm by MaryAnn Easley

No Talking by Andrew Clements

Kit's Wilderness by David Almond

The Winter Room by Gary Paulsen

The Pepins and Their Problems by Polly Horvath

7th Grade Summer Reading

Required Title:

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Suggested Titles:

Report to the Principal's Office by Jerry Spinelli

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

The Moves Make the Man by Bruce Brooks

The Samurai's Tale by Erik Haugaard

What Would Joey Do? by Jack Gantos

Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

Dogsong by Gary Paulsen

Well Witched by Frances Hardinge

A Corner of the Universe by Ann M. Martin

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pies by Jordan Sonnenblick

The Misfits by James Howe

Divergent by Veronica Roth

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Smiles to Go by Jerry Spinelli

The Compound by S.A. Bodeen

Air Raid-Pearl Harbor (NF) by Theodore Taylor

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II (NF) by Joseph Bruchac

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 (NF) by Jim Murphy

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time (NF) by Greg Mortenson

Additional Titles:

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Team Player

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Double Fudge by Judy Blume
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The Castle In The Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop
Mitch and Amy by Beverly Cleary
Otis Spofford by Beverly Cleary
Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary
Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary
Two Dog Biscuits by Beverly Cleary
The Dollhouse Murders by Betty Ren Wright
The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman
I Am the Ice Worm by MaryAnn Easley
Kit's Wilderness by David Almond
The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt
The Winter Room by Gary Paulsen
The Pepins and Their Problems by Polly Horvath

8th Grade Summer Reading

Required Title:

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Suggested Titles:

Ironman by Chris Crutcher

Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers

Becoming Billie Holiday by Carole Boston Weatherford

Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins

Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

Zel by Donna Jo Napoli

Slam! by Walter Dean Myers

Uglies by Scott Westerfield

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

The Eyeball Collector by F.E. Higgins

Addie on the Inside by James Howe

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

Cheshire Cheese Cat by Carmen Agra Deedy and Randall Wright

Revolver by Marcus Sedgwick

Heat by Mike Lupica

Amy and Roger's Epic Detour by Morgan Matson

Mob Princess: Count Your Blessings by Todd Strasser

The One-O'Clock Chop by Ralph Fletcher

Hate List by Jennifer Brown

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow (NF) by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Now Is Your Time! The African-American Struggle for Freedom (NF) by Walter Dean Myers

Children of War: Voices of Iraqi Refugees (NF) by Deborah Ellis

The Yankee Years (NF) by Joe Torre and Tom Verducci

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