



# Clark Public Schools

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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 2020-2021 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](mailto:egrande@clarkschools.org).

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Happy Reading!

Yours sincerely,

Edward Grande



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

### Required Title:

*Peak* by Roland Smith

### 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

*New Kid* by Jerry Craft

*Project Middle School: Hope* by Alyssa Milano with Debbie Rigaud

### 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

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### 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

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

### Required Title:

*Peak* by Roland Smith

### 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

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*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt  
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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

### Required Title:

*Peak* by Roland Smith

### 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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