Continued practice of reading skills is a cornerstone of a solid, well-rounded education. Adolescent cognitive development requires continual stimulation in order to maintain the progress made during the previous school year. Confident readers become confident communicators who are well-prepared for the 21st century.

7th Grade

Dear Parents,
As your child enters seventh grade, it is our desire to instill and promote a love of reading. You will find three lists below: the All School Read, a Topic Book List which is linked to Social Studies class, and a Book of Choice List (I am not picky about what books students chose to read as long as they are grade-level appropriate). Your child needs to read at least one book from each list below. Please be sure your child chooses books he/she has not previously read. For each book your child reads, he/she will need to complete a short assignment answering questions about the book. It is helpful for the student to make notes while reading for an easy review before completing the assignment. Since summer reading is a required assignment, it will count as a test grade. Bring your short assignments to Mrs. McNutt on the first day of school: the two books your child has chosen to read and The Boys in the Boat (the Young Readers Edition) by Daniel James Brown should be read and the assignments completed in order for your child to receive full credit for summer reading.

Thank you,
Mrs. McNutt :)

*Please do NOT allow your child to read any of the following, as we will read them together in class during the coming year: The Crossover, Echo, and 12 Angry Men, Terrible Typhoid Mary, The Boy on the Wooden Box, The Boys Who Challenged Hitler, and Almost Astronauts.
**All School Read:**

This is a required read for all students. This book is an all-school read, and books will be provided to you by the school.

1. **The Boys in the Boat (the Young Readers Edition) by Daniel James Brown**

**Topic: Social Studies**

Choose one of the following books from the list below. Each book contains a topic that will be discussed in Social Studies at some point throughout the year.

1. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin
2. *A Single Shard* (Linda Sue Park - Korea)
3. *Looking for Marco Polo* by Alan Armstrong
4. *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
5. *Anna of Byzantium* by Tracy Barrett

**Book of Choice:**

Choose one book of choice.

You are welcome to read a book of your choice as long as it is grade-level appropriate. You are more than welcome to read more than one choice book over the course of the summer.
Please complete the following questions after completing each book read. Please sign and date when below to show the book was read entirely and the assignment was completed without any help.

1. What do you think was the author’s main point for writing this book and why?

2. Pick out a word, phrase, or scene from the book that stood out to you and explain why.

3. What five words would you use to describe this book and why?

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Student Signature and Date                   Parent Signature and Date