Dear Parent/Guardian,

In order to be successful in middle school and beyond, students must be able to read proficiently. Proficient reading not only improves achievement in reading and language arts, but also improves achievement in science, social studies and even math. Good readers are more likely to be good writers, which is another skill students will need the rest of their lives. Each day of the school year, students read 20 minutes during their Intervention class. This is the minimum amount of time students must read to maintain their reading level. Students who read more per day can achieve two years of growth in their reading levels.

Unfortunately, a phenomena called “summer slide” occurs when students do not read over the summer. A loss of one or two reading levels is possible when this happens.

Included in this packet is a list of books with both required and choice options listed by grade level. Students who read at least 3 books in total from the list will be invited to a pizza party in the month of August. Required books will be discussed at all grade levels by ELA teachers the first two weeks of school, so no project is required for these books. For any books read on the choice list students must bring a completed project to prove the book was read. These projects are listed on the back of the book list. Students only choose ONE project per additional book read.

Students may find these books at the Nashville Public Library. In addition to print books, NPL has digital audio books in OverDrive on the website. These audio books can be added to phones, iPads, or computers through the Libby APP. Books can also be purchased at local bookstores, such as Barnes and Noble, Books-a-Million, or Parnassus Books, as well as online at Amazon.com.

To assist students in choosing a book on the choice list, book summaries are also included in this packet.

Thank you for encouraging your students to read this summer!!

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## Summer Reading 2019-2020

### Rising 5th Graders
#### Required for all:
- *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm
- *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

#### All select at least one:
- Graphic Novel: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle and Hope Larson
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett
- *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
- *Jazz Day* by Roxanne Orgill

### Rising 6th Graders
#### Standard Classes Required:
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Hunt

#### Honors Classes Required:
- *Full Cicada Moon* by Marilyn Hilton
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Hunt

#### All select at least one:
- Graphic Novel: *El Deafo* by Cece Bell and David Lasky
- *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson
- *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- *Blended* by Sharon Draper
- *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *The Third Mushroom* by Jennifer Holm
- *Booked* by Kwame Alexander
- *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd
- *Strong Inside (Young Readers’ Edition)* by Andrew Maraniss

### Rising 7th Graders
#### Standard Classes Required:
- *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

#### Honors Classes Required:
- *Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

#### All select at least one:
- Graphic Novel: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry and P. Craig Russell
- *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed
- *Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson
- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McNulty
- *Dangerous* by Shannon Hale
- *House Arrest* by K. A. Holt
- *Greenglass House* by Kate Milford
- *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill
- *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Pfeffer
- *Phineas Gage: A Grousse But True Story About Brain Science* by John Fleischman
- *Pathfinders: The Journey of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls* by Tonya Bolden

### Rising 8th Graders
#### Standard Classes Required:
- *Restart* by Gordon Korman

#### Honors Classes Required:
- *Restart* by Gordon Korman
- *Unbound* by Ann Burg

#### All select at least one:
- Graphic Novel: *March, Book 1* by John Lewis
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams
- *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda
- *Fever, 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *23 Minutes* by Vivian Vande Velde
- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
- *Slider* by Pete Hautman
- *Swing* by Kwame Alexander
- *The Forgetting* by Sharon Cameron
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *Chasing Space (Young Readers’ Edition)* by Leland Melvin
- *Pathfinders: The Journey of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls* by Tonya Bolden

### KEY:
- (*STEAM)
- (NF Nonfiction)
- (GN Graphic Novel)
- (# Verse Novel)
- (HF Historical Fiction)
- (RF Realistic Fiction)
- (M Mystery)
- (F Fantasy)
- (D Dystopian)
- (S Suspense)
- (Sp Sports)