



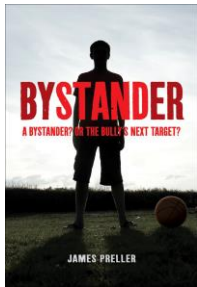
Summer Reading Requirements
For Students Entering 7th Grade

2019-2020



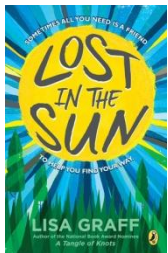
Summer Reading

Summer provides many opportunities for students and their families to enjoy unforgettable books together and to grow as readers. Before entering 7th grade, a Norton Middle School student is expected to read at least two books listed below. We have taken into consideration that you may be reading a great series already, or have a book in mind for your summer reading. If you fill in the reading summaries at the end of this packet, we will also count your TWO book choices as your Summer Reading.



Bystander by James Preller (Realistic Fiction)

Eric is the new kid in seventh grade. Griffin wants to be his friend. When you're new in town, it's hard to know who to hang out with—and who to avoid. Griffin seems cool, confident, and popular. However, something isn't right about Griffin. He always seems to be in the middle of bad things. And if Griffin doesn't like you, you'd better watch your back. There might be a target on it. As Eric gets drawn deeper into Griffin's dark world, he begins to see the truth about Griffin: He's a liar, a bully, a thief. Eric wants to break away, do the right thing. But in one shocking moment, he goes from being a bystander . . . to the bully's next victim.



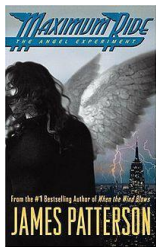
Lost In The Sun by Lisa Graff (Realistic Fiction)

Everyone says that middle school is awful, but Trent knows nothing could be worse than the year he had in fifth grade, when a freak accident on Cedar Lake left one kid dead, and Trent with a brain full of terrible thoughts he can't get rid of. Trent's pretty positive the entire disaster was his fault, so for him middle school feels like a fresh start, a chance to prove to everyone that he's not the horrible screw-up they seem to think he is. If only Trent could make that fresh start happen. It isn't until Trent gets caught up in the whirlwind that is Fallon Little --- the girl with the mysterious scar across her face --- that things begin to change. Because fresh starts aren't always easy. Even in baseball, when a fly ball gets lost in the sun, you have to remember to shift your position to find it.



Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli (Realistic fiction)

From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, the hallways hum with the murmur of “Stargirl, Stargirl.” She captures Leo Borlock’s heart with just one smile. She sparks a school spirit revolution with just one cheer. The students of Mica High are enchanted. At first. Then they turn on her. Stargirl is suddenly shunned for everything that makes her different, and Leo, panicked and desperate with love, urges her to become the very thing that can destroy her: normal. In this celebration of nonconformity, Newbery Medalist Jerry Spinelli weaves a tense, emotional tale about the perils of popularity and the thrill and inspiration of first love.



Maximum Ride by James Patterson (Science Fiction/Fantasy)

In James Patterson's blockbuster series, fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride, better known as Max, knows what it's like to soar above the world. She and all the members of the "flock"--Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel--are just like ordinary kids--only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come true to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time...like when Angel, the youngest member of the flock, is kidnapped and taken back to the “School” where she and the others were experimented on by a crew of wack jobs. Her friends brave a journey to blazing hot Death Valley, CA, to save Angel, but soon enough, they find themselves in yet another nightmare--this one involving fighting off the half-human, half-wolf "Erasers" in New York City.



Girl, Stolen by April Henry (Realistic Fiction)

Sixteen-year-old Cheyenne Wilder is sleeping in the back of a car while her mom fills

her prescription for antibiotics. Before Cheyenne realizes what's happening, their car is being stolen. Griffin hadn't meant to kidnap Cheyenne, but once his dad finds out that Cheyenne's father is the president of a powerful corporation, everything changes—now there's a reason to keep her. How will Cheyenne survive this nightmare? Because she's not only sick with pneumonia—she's also blind.



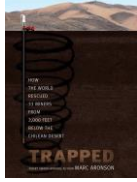
Irena's Children: Young Readers Edition by Tilar J. Mazzeo and adapted by Mary Cronk Farrell (Non-fiction)

Irena Sendler was a young Polish woman living in Warsaw during World War II with an incredible story of survival and selflessness. And she's been long forgotten by history. Until now. This young reader's edition of *Irena's Children* tells Irena's unbelievable story set during one of the worst times in modern history. With guts of steel and unfaltering bravery, Irena smuggled thousands of children out of the walled Jewish ghetto in toolboxes and coffins, snuck them under overcoats at checkpoints, and slipped them through the dank sewers and into secret passages that led to abandoned buildings, where she convinced her friends and underground resistance network to hide them. In this heroic tale of survival and resilience in the face of impossible odds, Tilar Mazzeo and adapter Mary Cronk Farrell share the true story of this bold and brave woman, overlooked by history, who risked her life to save innocent children from the horrors of the Holocaust.



Trapped by Michael Northrop (Realistic fiction)

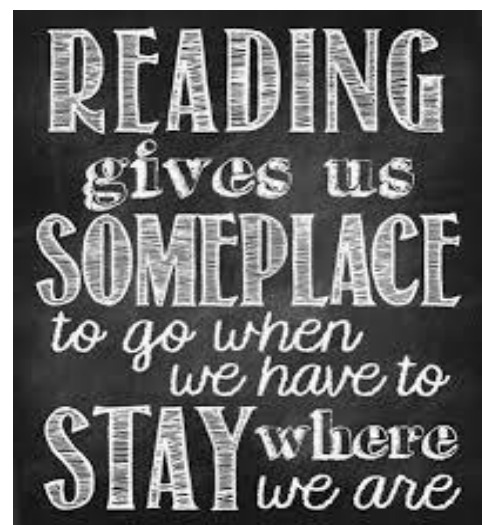
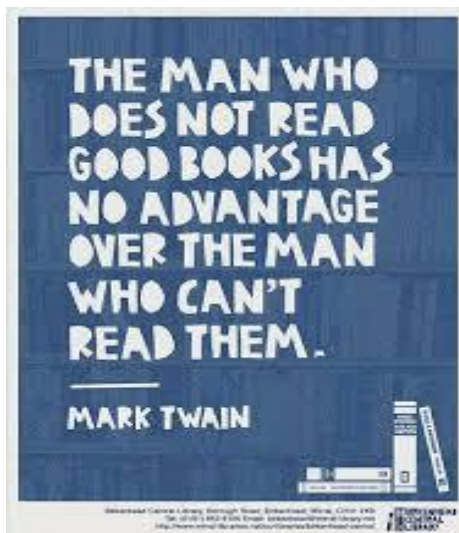
The day the blizzard started, no one knew that it was going to keep snowing for a week. That for those in its path, it would become not just a matter of keeping warm, but of staying alive. . . . Scotty and his friends Pete and Jason are among the last seven kids at their high school waiting to get picked up that day, and they soon realize that no one is coming for them. Still, it doesn't seem so bad to spend the night at school, especially when distractingly hot Krista and Julie are sleeping just down the hall. But then the power goes out, then the heat. The pipes freeze, and the roof shudders. As the days add up, the snow piles higher, and the empty halls grow colder and darker, the mounting pressure forces a devastating decision. . .



Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners... by Marc Aronson
(Non-fiction)

In early August 2010, the unthinkable happened when a mine collapsed in Copiapó, Chile, and 33 miners were trapped 2,000 feet below the surface. For sixty-nine days they lived on meager resources and increasingly poor air quality. When they were finally rescued, the world watched with rapt attention and rejoiced in the amazing spirit and determination of the miners. What could have been a terrible tragedy became an amazing story of survival. Now, with exclusive interviews with rescuers and expert commentary, Marc Aronson brings us the back-story behind this incredible event. By tracing the psychological, physical, and environmental factors surrounding the rescue, *Trapped* highlights the amazing technology and helping hands that made it all possible. From the Argentinean soccer players who hoped to raise morale, to NASA volunteering their expertise to come up with a plan, there was no shortage of enterprising spirit when it came to saving lives.

Remember, you can also choose your own summer reading. Just choose books at your reading level that you have not read before and fill out the required reading check at the end of this packet.



Alphabet Challenge Book Response

Your Name _____ Name of book _____

of pages in book _____ date _____

The focus of this Book Challenge should be showing us what you have learned while independently reading your required summer reading novel. **Each letter should focus on the 5 elements of fiction: plot, characters, setting, conflict, theme. You need to include at least two of each of these elements in your written paper to receive all points.** For some of the more difficult letters of the alphabet you will need to get creative. You can use quotes from the book as well. You will end with a final rating of the book 1-10, 10 being the best book you have ever read, and a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) explaining why you gave it this rating. **Each line should be a complete sentence! Use specific details from the novel or this challenge will NOT count.**

Example: **Katniss Everdeen volunteers to be tribute for her sister Prim.**

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