



Roslyn Middle School English Department
Summer Reading 2021
For Students Entering
Grade 7

Dear Student,

Reading is both enjoyable and vital to your development as a learner and individual, and the summer months often provide a more relaxed opportunity to pursue some worthwhile titles.

All students who are about to enter the English 7 class in September are required to read *The New Kid* by Jerry Craft, the first graphic novel to ever win the prestigious Newberry Medal. As you read, be sure to take notes on the book, focusing on essential literary elements and author's techniques. It is imperative that you do this so as to gain meaning and insight from the story and to think about its connection to life and the world in which we live. Not to mention, taking thorough and accurate notes will also help you remember the story when you return to school.

Please note that during the first weeks of school, students will be involved in seminars and other activities and assessments centered around the novel.

NOTE: If you are interested in doing some **additional** reading on your own over the summer, here are some titles recommended by the Seventh Grade team:

Acceleration - Graham McNamee (Mystery/Suspense)

Anne of Green Gables - L.M. Montgomery (Classic)

Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer (Fantasy/Suspense)

Black Beauty - Anna Sewell (Classic)

Elsewhere - Gabrielle Zevin (YA/Fantasy)

Fantasy League - Mike Lupica (Sports)

Fever 1793 - Laurie Halse Anderson (Historical Fiction)

Going Solo - Roald Dahl (Nonfiction/Autobiography)

House of Stairs - William Sleator (Science Fiction/Suspense)

Last Mission, The - Harry Mazer (Historical Fiction)

Matched - Ally Condie (Dystopian)

Night Hoops - Carl Deuker (Sports)

One Fat Summer - Robert Lipsyte (YA)

Princess Academy - Shannon Hale (Fantasy)

Scat - Carl Hiaasen (Mystery/Humor)

Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz (Thriller/Suspense)

Temple Grandin- Sy Montgomery (Nonfiction/Biography)

Twisted Summer - Willo Davis Roberts (Mystery/Suspense)

Wizard of Earthsea, A - Ursula K. LeGuin (Fantasy)

A bookstore is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking.
~Jerry Seinfeld

Books may well be the only true magic. ~Alice Hoffman

Enjoy reading and have a wonderful summer! ~The Grade 7 English Teachers

