

The GLOBE Academy
Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment and List
2021- 2022 School Year

Dear Students,

Welcome to 7th grade! Can you believe it? You're halfway through middle school. This is it. The middle of the middle, and it is going to be your best year yet. Can you tell I am excited? I know that 2020-2021 was an interesting year to say the least. However, writing this letter to you about our future time together in the upcoming school year fills me with hope. So, let's get to it!

When you enter our class in August, I will expect you to have a book that you are reading at all times. I will be requiring independent reading every day in class and/or at home. For some of you, this may not be a problem at all. For others, I know this may prove to be challenging. Therefore, I am not *requiring* any specific books, authors, genres to be read this summer (that will come when the school year begins). Instead, I want you to take this summer to discover who you are as a reader. What books do you enjoy? How long can you read in one sitting before becoming distracted? How often do you read? Do you read because you have to or because you want to? Have your reading habits/interests changed over the years? I want you to really take time to reflect, evaluate, and explore.

During the first few weeks of school, I will be conferencing with each of you individually. We will discuss goals, challenges, and interests. It would be very beneficial (for both of us) if you came to school on the first day with a few notes/ideas about how your summer reading went. You can use the questions above and on page 3 to help guide you. Keep track of the books you read. Jot down when/where you read. Don't write what you think I want to hear. Write the truth. Attached is a list of recommended books to get you started, but please do not feel limited to the list.

I am requiring one writing assignment this summer: Write a personal reflection about how your 2020-2021 (6th grade) school year went. What was challenging? What made the challenging things easier? What do you think is important for me to know about you as a learner? My main request is you make it authentic. I want it to be real and a reflection of who you are. It will only be graded on completion, so do not stress about requirements/rubrics.

To recap your 7th grade summer assignments:

1. Read often. Take notes daily or weekly about your reading habits. Notes can be typed, written in a journal, bullet pointed, etc. I've included guiding questions on page 3.
2. Write a personal reflection about your 6th grade year. Aim for at least one page but under five pages. Focus on academics and what you want me to know about you as a learner.

That's it! If you have any questions, please let me know. Otherwise, happy exploring, and enjoy the freedom to read whatever you wish. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

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Helen Ruffin Reading Suggestions:

These are the ones recommended for 6-8th grade. The complete list includes more books appropriate for 4-8th grade and can be found at: <https://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/hrrb/booklists/>

1. Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. (2020). Fighting Words. New York, NY: Dial Books.
2. Bowling, Dusti. (2020). The Canyon's Edge. New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
3. Braden, Ann. (2018). The Benefits of Being an Octopus. New York, NY: Sky Pony Press.
4. Cisneros, Ernesto. (2020). Efrén Divided. New York, NY: Quill Tree Books.
5. Firestone, Carrie. (2020). Dress Coded. New York, NY: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers.
6. Harrell, R. (2020). Wink. New York, NY: Dial Books.
7. Keklar, Supriya. (2020). American as Paneer Pie. New York, NY: Alladin Press.
8. Kim, Jessica. (2020). Stand Up, Yumi Chung! New York, NY: Kokila Press.
9. Reynolds, Jason & Kendi, Ibram X. (2020). Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You. New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
10. Rhodes, Jewell Parker. (2020). Black Brother. Black Brother. New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Other Recommendations

Alexander, Kwame- *Rebound* (or anything by this author)

Card, Orson Scott- *Ender's Game*

Christie, Agatha- *Murder on the Orient Express* (or anything by this author)

Cisneros, Sandra- *The House On Mango Street*

Creech, Sharon: *Walk Two Moons, Absolutely Normal Chaos, Chasing Redbird*

Dahl, Roald- *Boy: Tales of Childhood*

George, Jean Craighead- *My Side of the Mountain*

Gratz, Alan- *Allies* (or anything by this author)

McAnulty, Stacy- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*

Reynolds, Jason- *Ghost* (or anything by this author)

Saeed, Aisha- *Amal Unbound*

Spinelli, Jerry- *Stargirl* and or *Love, Stargirl*

Wolk, Lauren- *Beyond the Bright Sea*

Qoodson, Jacqueline- *Harbor Me*

Additional Recommended Reading Activities

-Read a biography of someone who interests you.

-Check and read daily articles on timeforkids.com/news.

-Subscribe to a blog where the author writes about something you are passionate about.

-Pick an author or series and challenge yourself to read all the books.

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Questions to get you thinking for your reading reflection/observation notes (these are suggestions not required responses. You should also add specifics about your summer reading- the books and authors you read):

How many books do you read a week? A month? A school year?

What genre is your favorite?

What author?

When do you usually read?

How long do you typically read in one sitting?

How have your reading habits changed over the years?

The best book I ever had to read for school was _____ because_____.

I like/dislike reading with a book club because _____.