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Gorzycki Summer Reading List (2019-2020)

ALL GRADE LEVELS will read two books over the summer break: the whole grade novel and one free choice novel. Upon returning to school in August, you will have an assignment over each book in your English class

Parents: Please read the reviews and synopses of these books at Amazon, Goodreads, or your favorite online bookseller to help guide your child's choices. *If you feel that none of the choices are appropriate for your child, you may choose a grade level book for them with teacher approval.*

6th, 7th and 8th grade students can all select their free choice book from the Lone Star Reading List. Other free selections listed with grade level.

The 2019 Lone Star Reading List:

A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting by Joe Ballarini
Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World by Ashley Herring Blake
Not If I Save You First by Ally Carter
Storm Runner by J.C. Cervantes
Time Bomb by Joelle Charbonneau
After Zero by Christina Collins
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
Everless by Sara Holland
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Letters to the Lost by Brigid Kemmerer
Restart by Gordon Korman
The Moon Platoon by Jeramey Kraatz
From Twinkle, with Love by Sandhya Menon
Resistance by Jennifer Nielson
In the Shadow of the Sun by Anne Sibley O'Brien
The First Rule of Punk by Celia Perez
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab
Black Panther: The Young Prince by Ronald Smith
Nevermoor 1: Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend

*The Texas Lone Star list is a recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table. The purpose of the list is to encourage students in grades 6, 7, or 8 to explore a variety of current books.

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8th Grade Summer Reading

Incoming 8th graders will read **two** novels: one whole-class required novel and one free-choice novel.

Whole Class Novel:

I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda, Caitlin Alifirenka, Liz Welch

Free-Choice Titles:

Incoming 8th grade students are also expected to self-select a second novel from the 2019 LoneStar List to read in addition to the whole-class read.

7th Grade Summer Reading

Incoming 7th graders will read **two** novels: one whole-class required novel and one free-choice novel.

Whole Class Novel: EVERY student must read this book.

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

Free-Choice Novel: Incoming 7th grade students are also expected to self-select a second novel that meets the qualifications below.

My second summer reading book is one that:

- I am excited to read
- I have never read before
- Represents me as a reader (because of its topic, genre, or other reason)
- Is at least 100 pages long
- Is at or above my reading level (not too easy or too hard to read)

If you need recommendations, we suggest:

- 1 title from The 2019 Lone Star Reading List
- Young Adult Nonfiction:
 - *Hidden Figures* (young readers edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly
 - *I Am Malala* (young readers edition) by Malala Yousafzai
 - *My Thirteenth Winter* by Samantha Abeel
 - *The Boys in the Boat* (young readers adaptation) by Daniel James Brown
 - *Stuff Matters* by Mark Miodownik
 - *Phineas Gage* by John Fleischman
 - *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
 - *The Diary of Anne Frank*

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6th Grade Summer Reading

Incoming 6th graders will read **two** novels: one whole-class required novel and one free-choice novel.

Whole class required novel - Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Free Choice List (choose one title):

- **1 title from The 2019 Lone Star Reading List**
- **Fiction:**
 - *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
- **Classics:**
 - *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
 - *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
 - *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
 - *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George