

ESMS SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS 2018

ESMS 7th GRADE SUMMER READING 2018

REQUIRED: All incoming 7th graders must read 2 books before the 1st day of school.
Students must read a pairing of 1 Fiction and 1 Nonfiction book.

NONFICTION		FICTION
Memoir, Chinese Americans, Customs, Writing, San Francisco		Asian Americans, Historical Fiction, Fathers & Sons,
<p><i>The Lost Garden</i> by Lawrence Yep</p> <p>Young Laurence didn't really know where he fit in. He thought of himself as American, especially since he didn't speak Chinese and couldn't understand his grandmother, who lived in Chinatown. But others saw him as different in the conformist America of the 1950s.</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>Dragonwings</i> by Lawrence Yep</p> <p>Moon Shadow is eight years old when he sails from China to join his father, Windrider, in America. Windrider lives in San Francisco and makes his living doing laundry. Father and son have never met.</p>
Football, High School, Texas,		Football, Farm life,

<p><i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: the inspiring true story of the Mighty Mites who ruled Texas Football</i> by Jim Dent Presents the true story of coach Rusty Russell and how he molded a group of orphans from the Masonic Home in Fort Worth, Texas, into one of the toughest high school football teams in the state.</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>Dairy Queen</i> by Catherine Gilbert Murdock After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.</p>
<p>Determination, Memoir, Mountaineering</p>		<p>Cultural Heritage, Survival, mountaineering,</p>
<p><i>No Summit Out of Sight: The true story of the youngest person to climb the seven summits</i> by Jordan Romeo On May 22, 2010, at the age of thirteen, American teenager Jordan Romero became the youngest person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. At fifteen, he became the youngest person to reach the summits of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents.</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>Peak</i> by Rosaland Smith After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. <i>Big</i> strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best.</p>
<p>Parasites</p>		<p>Black Death, Middle Ages, Historical Fiction, England</p>

<p><i>Little Monsters: The Creatures That Live On Us and In Us</i> by Albert Marrin</p> <p>From fleas, ticks, lice, and bedbugs to worms, mites, leeches, and maggots, Marrin explains what parasites are, how they invade our bodies, and their effects for good or ill. At their best, parasites have saved limbs and lives; at their worst, they've been responsible for the deaths of billions of people and altered the course of human history.</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>The Plague</i> by Joanne Dahme</p> <p>Fifteen-year-old Nell is rescued from her impoverish life with her family in London due to her resemblance to King Edward the Third's daughter, Princess Joan, but when the plague takes the life of Joan, Nell is forced by Joan's brother to take on the princess's identity full-time.</p>
<p>Tourist Trade, Environment, Pollution</p>		<p>Environmental Protection, Pollution, Vigilantes, Death and Dying</p>

<p>Visit Sunny Chernobyl: and other adventures in the world's most polluted places by Andrew Blackwell</p> <p>For most of us, traveling means visiting the most beautiful places on Earth—Paris, the Taj Mahal, the Grand Canyon. It's rare to book a plane ticket to visit the lifeless moonscape of Canada's oil sand strip mines, or to seek out the Chinese city of Linfen, legendary as the most polluted in the world. Andrew Blackwell describes his travels to the most polluted places in the world.</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p>My Chemical Mountain by Corina Vacco</p> <p>The summer before they begin high school, best friends Jason, Charlie, and Cornpop go after the chemical plant that has been polluting their town, one seeking revenge for his father's death and the others mainly for the thrill of it.</p>
<p>Death and Dying, Discrimination, Holocaust,</p>		<p>Historical Fiction, Holocaust, Survival,</p>
<p>Surviving the Angel of Death: The Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz by Eva Mozes</p> <p>Eva Mozes Kor was 10 years old when she arrived in Auschwitz. While her parents and two older sisters were taken to the gas chambers, she and her twin, Miriam, were herded into the care of the man known as the Angel of Death, Dr. Josef Mengele.</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p>Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gatz</p> <p>As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner -- his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087.</p> <p>He is forced from one nightmarish concentration camp to another, as World War II rages all around him. He encounters evil he could have never imagined, but also sees surprising glimpses of hope amid the horror. He just barely escapes death, only to confront it again seconds later.</p>
<p>Child abuse, foster care, alcoholics, social services</p> <p>ADVISORY: Addresses and depicts child abuse, alcoholism and contains some vulgar language</p>		<p>Child abuse, supernatural, science fiction, twins, family problems, friendship</p>

<p><i>A Child Called It: One Child's Courage to Survive</i> by Dave Pelzer</p> <p>This book chronicles the unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother: a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable games--games that left him nearly dead. He had to learn how to play his mother's games in order to survive because she no longer considered him a son, but a slave; and no longer a boy, but an "it."</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>Bruiser</i> by Neal Shusterman</p> <p>Tennyson is not surprised, really, when his family begins to fall apart, or when his twin sister, Brontë, starts dating the misunderstood bully, Brewster (or The Bruiser, as the entire high school calls him). Tennyson is determined to get to the bottom of The Bruiser's reputation, even if it means gearing up for a fight. Brontë, on the other hand, thinks there's something special underneath that tough exterior. And she's right...but neither she nor Tennyson is prepared for the truth of what lies below the surface.</p>
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ESMS 8th GRADE SUMMER READING 2018:

REQUIRED: All incoming 8th graders must read 2 books before the 1st day of school: a pairing of 1 Fiction and 1 Nonfiction book. Also, students must take notes for each book. See bottom of chart for note-taking expectations.

NONFICTION		FICTION
<p>Possible subjects of themes: Oppression, aggression, equality, courage, hope, fear, freedom vs. confinement, family</p>		<p>Possible subjects of themes: Hope, fear, courage, oppression, aggression, equality, freedom vs. confinement, family</p>
<p><i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i> by Anne Frank</p> <p>Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit. In 1942, with Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annex" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns thoughtful, moving, and amusing, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>Three Links of a Chain</i> by Denis Maley</p> <p>The flyer reads, "One dark mulatto runaway, aged fourteen, well dressed and bright..."</p> <p>Blanche thinks he has it good. He has risen above the field hands to a position helping run a printing press. He's well fed, never physically mistreated, and he has taught himself to read, though he keeps the illicit skill a secret. Most importantly, he has been promised a chance at emancipation. Then, in a single bloody morning, his world is overturned, his master lies dead, and his widow has no intention of following through with her husband's promise to free him.</p> <p>Blanche would never have considered running away from his old life, but faced with the prospect of being sold as a laborer or worse, he forges his free papers and flees north, a fugitive, to create his own future. Only a few steps ahead of the slave catchers, he travels hundreds of miles across the violent backdrop of "bleeding Kansas" in the 1850s, a land torn by apart by two very different visions of humanity.</p> <p>This richly researched work of fiction weaves actual historical characters and institutions into the gripping story of a young man born into slavery but resolute in his quest for freedom.</p>
<p>Possible subjects of themes: Obsession, innovation, creative problem solving, technology, achievement, perseverance, choices</p>		<p>Possible subjects of themes: Fate, obsession, choices, identity, conformity, choices</p>
<p><i>Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different</i> by Karen Blumenthal</p> <p>Critically acclaimed author Karen Blumenthal takes us to the core of this complicated and legendary man while</p>		<p><i>Stargirl</i> by Jerry Spinneli</p> <p>Stargirl. 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.</p>

<p>simultaneously exploring the evolution of computers. Framed by Jobs' inspirational Stanford commencement speech and illustrated throughout with black and white photos, this is the story of the man who changed our world.</p>	<p>Paired with...</p>	<p>She sparks a school-spirit revolution with just one cheer. The students of Mica High are enchanted. At first.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Possible subjects of themes: Survival, compassion, courage, choices, perseverance, wisdom</p>		<p>Possible subjects of themes: Courage, wisdom, freedom, strength, perseverance, choices, survival</p>
<p><i>The Warrior's Heart: Becoming a Man of Compassion and Courage</i> by Eric Greitens</p> <p>In this young adult adaptation of his best-selling book, <i>The Heart and the Fist</i>, Eric speaks directly to teen readers, asking the reader to put themselves in the shoes of himself and others. Readers will share in Eric's evolution from average kid to globe-traveling humanitarian to warrior, training and serving with the most elite military outfit in the world: the Navy SEALs. Along the way, they'll be asked to consider the power of choices, of making the decision each and every day to act with courage and compassion so that they grow to be tomorrow's heroes. Sure to inspire and motivate.</p>	<p>Paired with...</p>	<p><i>The Final Four</i> by Paul Volponi</p> <p>March Madness is in full swing, and there are only four teams left in the NCAA basketball championship. The heavily favored Michigan Spartans and the underdog Troy Trojans meet in the first game in the semifinals, and it's there that the fates of Malcolm, Roko, Crispin, and M.J. intertwine. As the last moments tick down on the game clock, you'll learn how each player went from being a kid who loves to shoot hoops to a powerful force in one of the most important games of the year. Which team will leave the Superdome victorious? In the end it will come down to who has the most skill, the most drive, and the most heart.</p>
<p>Possible subjects of themes: Oppression, education, aggression, equality, courage, choices, strength</p>		<p>Possible subjects of themes: Oppression, education, censorship, aggression, courage, choices, strength</p>
<p><i>I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by The Taliban</i> by Malala Yousafzai</p> <p>This is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his</p>		<p><i>Fahrenheit 451</i> by Ray Bradbury</p> <p>Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses they hide</p>

<p>daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.</p>	<p>Paired with...</p>	<p>in.</p> <p>Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television “family.” But then he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn’t live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television.</p> <p>When Mildred attempts suicide and Clarisse suddenly disappears, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known. He starts hiding books in his home, and when his pilfering is discovered, the fireman has to run for his life.</p>
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ALL INCOMING 8TH GRADERS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE NOTES ON THE 1st DAY OF SCHOOL FOR BOTH OF THE BOOKS READ OVER THE SUMMER *(Use the template below this sample chart)*

<p style="text-align: center;">Theme (Use the subjects listed above as a guide)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TEXTUAL EVIDENCE (Provide textual evidence (anything from the text) that supports each theme.)</p>
	<p>“Sandra faced the biggest bully at school during passing period. She was terrified, but it wasn’t as bad as she thought” (author’s last name & page number).</p>

Courage: Courage means never giving up despite difficulties	“Teddy decided to try out for the JV football team despite the fact that he was legally blind in one eye and his ex-girlfriend’s father was the coach” (author’s last name & page number).
Oppression: Oppression comes from judgement	“The children of Sierra Leone had little choice. They were forced into slavery as soldiers. Few escaped, but most were taken from their homes” (author’s last name & page number). “The girls were separated from the boys because they were seen as less important; weaker. Shinam was always upset from being judged by the men and boys” (author’s last name & page number).

STUDENT NAME: _____

TITLE OF BOOK: _____

AUTHOR: _____

Theme	EVIDENCE (Include parenthetical citation)
