

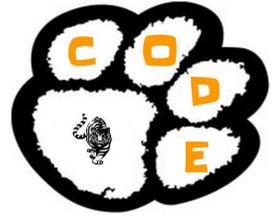


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"Tomorrow belongs to the children"
-Carl Sandburg

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Summer Reading List 2018 7 & 8th Grade Students

1. **Stuck on Earth** - Klass 740L (Science Fiction)

A space alien inhabits a bullied boy's body to determine whether the human race should be annihilated. VERY funny: "What are you going to do?" "Nothing terrible so try to stay calm...I'm just going to slither through your nostril, crawl into your cranium and take possession of your brain." Book looks into what it means to be human and what makes us worthy of rescue, from the vantage point of a snail-like creature who couldn't be more different than we are. Misunderstandings abound.

2. **Need** - Charbonneau 730L (Realistic Fiction)

Teenagers are invited onto a social media site that promises to grant their every *need*. It soon becomes clear that there are consequences to using the site, especially when students ask for wants instead of needs. The demands the site makes are becoming ever more cruel. What price will Kaylee pay if she asks for a kidney for her sick brother?

3. **Rebound** - Kwame Alexander 780L (Novel-in-Verse)

Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. In this prequel to Newbery Medal winner *The Crossover*, Chuck Bell takes center stage, as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshipping, basketball star his sons look up to.

4. **Wake Up Missing** - Kate Messner 660L (Science Fiction)

Meet Quentin, a middle school football star from Chicago, Sarah, an Upstate New York girls' hockey team stand-out, Ben, a horse lover from the Pacific Northwest, and Cat, an artistic bird watcher from California. The four have nothing in common except for the head injuries that land them in an elite brain-science center in the Florida Everglades. It's known as the best in the world, but as days pass, the kids begin to suspect that they are subjects in an experiment that goes far beyond treating concussions...and threatens their very identities. They'll have to overcome their injuries – and their differences – to escape, or risk losing themselves forever.

5. **American Born Chinese** - Gene Luen Yang 540L (Graphic Novel)

All Jin Wang wants is to fit in. When his family moves to a new neighborhood, he suddenly finds that he's the only Chinese American student at his school. Jocks and bullies pick on him constantly, and he has hardly any friends. Then, to make matters worse, he falls in love with an all-American girl...

6. **Miles Morales: Spider-Man** - Jason Reynolds 710L (Fantasy - Mild Language)

Miles Morales is just your average teenager. Dinner every Sunday with his parents, chilling out playing old-school video games with his best friend, Ganke, crushing on brainy, beautiful poet Alicia. He's even got a scholarship spot at the prestigious Brooklyn Visions Academy. Oh yeah, and he's Spider Man.

7. Pashmina - Nidhi Chanani 240L (Graphic Novel)

Priyanka Das has so many unanswered questions: Why did her mother abandon her home in India years ago? What was it like there? And most importantly, who is her father, and why did her mom leave him behind? But Pri's mom avoids these questions--the topic of India is permanently closed. For Pri, her mother's homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she finds a mysterious pashmina tucked away in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any guidebook or Bollywood film. But is this the real India? And what is that shadow lurking in the background? To learn the truth, Pri must travel farther than she's ever dared and find the family she never knew.

8. Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson 990L (Autobiography, Novel-In-Verse)

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.

9. La casa en Mango Street - Sandra Cisneros 870L (Realistic Fiction)

La casa en Mango Street es la extraordinaria historia de Esperanza Cordero. Contado a través de una serie de viñetas —a veces desgarradoras, a veces profundamente alegres— es el relato de una niña latina que crece en un barrio de Chicago, inventando por sí misma en qué y en quién se convertirá.

Told in a series of vignettes – sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous—it is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become.

10. The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts - Avi 810L - (Historical Fiction)

In the seaside town of Melcombe Regis, England, 1724, Oliver Cromwell Pitts wakes to find his father missing and his house flooded by a recent storm. He's alone in his ruined home with no money and no food. Oliver's father has left behind a barely legible waterlogged note: he's gone to London, where Oliver's sister, Charity, is in trouble. Exploring damage to the town in the storm's aftermath, Oliver discovers a shipwreck on the beach. Removing anything from a wrecked ship is a hanging offense, but Oliver finds money that could save him, and he can't resist the temptation to take it. When his crime is discovered, Oliver flees, following the trail of his father and sister. The journey is full of thieves, adventurers, and treachery--and London might be the most dangerous place of all.

6th Grade Students

Restart by Gordon Korman: 730L (Realistic Fiction)

Chase's memory just went out the window. Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again . . . starting with his own name. He knows he's Chase. But who is Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. One girl in particular is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head the first chance she gets. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is--it's a question of who he was . . . and who he's going to be.

