

REQUIRED SUMMER READING BY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2015--6TH GRADE

| CAMPUS | REGULAR ELA | PRE-AP/GT ELA |
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| Sugar Land Middle School | All Regular ELA students must choose ONE novel from the district summer reading list for their 2014-2015 school year and be prepared to complete an assessment/assignment within the first two weeks of school. | All PreAP/GT ELA students will read the following and be prepared to complete assessments/assignments within the first two weeks of school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic: <i>Wizard of Oz</i> by L. Frank Baum • Contemporary: <i>Heaven</i> by Angela Johnson OR <i>Iqbal</i> by Francesco D'Adamo |

District Summer Reading List 2015

Sixth Grade

(Please check campus lists for specific instructions)

| Contemporary | Contemporary | Contemporary | Classic |
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| <p><i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i> Pam Munoz Ryan</p> <p>When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.</p> | <p><i>Heaven</i> Angela Johnson</p> <p>Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.</p> | <p><i>The Conch Bearer</i> Chitra Divakaruni</p> <p>In India, a healer invites twelve year – old Anad to join him on a quest to return a magical conch to its safe and rightful home, high in the Himalahyan mountains.</p> | <p><i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> Madeleine L'Engle</p> <p>Meg and Charles Wallace set out with their friend Calvin in a search for their father. His top secret job as a physicist for the government has taken him away and the children search through time and space to find him.</p> |
| <p><i>La Linea</i> Ann Jaramillo</p> <p>When fifteen-year-old Miguel's time finally comes to leave his poor Mexican village, cross the border illegally, and join his parents in California, his younger sister's determination to join him soon imperils them both.</p> | <p><i>Iqbal</i> Francesco D'Adamo</p> <p>A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen.</p> | <p><i>The Dream Bearer</i> Walter Dean Myers</p> <p>During a summer in Harlem, an old man helps David come to terms with his father's outbursts and unstable behavior.</p> | <p><i>The Wizard of Oz</i> (Puffin Classics version) L. Frank Baum</p> <p>Dorothy and her dog Toto are befriended by a scarecrow, a tin man, and a lion, who accompany her on a journey to find a wizard who can help her return home to Kansas.</p> |
| <p><i>Hatchet</i> Gary Paulsen</p> <p>After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.</p> | <p><i>*Phineas Gage</i> John Fleischman</p> <p>The true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.</p> | <p><i>The Wednesday Wars</i> Gary D. Schmidt</p> <p>Seventh grader Holling Hoodhood has a tough year ahead of him. But things are changing, and while reciting his favorite curses from Shakespeare's plays, Holling might just find the true meaning of his own story.</p> | <p>See your campus website for specific summer reading requirements. Students will be assessed on summer reading within the first six weeks of school. These selections are recommended for all students.</p> <p>* denotes nonfiction</p> |

To find a synopsis of these texts, see the FBISD online catalog and EBSCO – NoveList.

REQUIRED SUMMER READING BY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2015--7TH GRADE

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| Sugar Land Middle School | All ELA students will choose ONE CONTEMPORARY novel from the district Summer Reading list for their 2014-2015 school year and be prepared to complete an assessment/assignment within the first two weeks of school. | GT/PreAP students will read the following titles and be prepared to complete assessments/assignments within the first two weeks of school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> by Jules Verne • <i>Day of Tears</i> by Julius Lester |
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FBISD Summer Reading List 2015 Seventh Grade (Please check campus lists for specific instructions)

| Contemporary | Contemporary | Contemporary | Classic |
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| <p><i>*A Life in the Wild</i> Pamela S. Turner</p> <p>Presents a story of wildlife conservation through the research and efforts of George Schaller.</p> | <p><i>Bull Rider</i> Suzanne Morgan Williams</p> <p>Cam's older brother returns from the Iraq War partially paralyzed. Cam stops skateboarding to enter a bull – riding contest, with the expectation of winning to lift his brother's spirits.</p> | <p><i>Good Enough</i> Paula Yoo</p> <p>A Korean American teenager tries to please her parents by getting into an Ivy League college, but a new guy in school and her love of the violin tempt her in new directions.</p> | <p><i>The Secret Garden (Puffin Classics Version)</i> Frances Hodgson Burnett</p> <p>A young orphan moves in with her uncle and cousin and discovers a secret garden.</p> |
| <p><i>*Almost Astronauts</i> Tanya Lee Stone</p> <p>Profiles thirteen women who challenged social norms and government policies to prove they could be exceptional astronauts.</p> | <p><i>Day of Tears</i> Julius Lester</p> <p>When gambling debts and greed enter into the Butler household, Pierce Butler decides to host the biggest slave auction in American history and breaks a promise by selling Emma, his most-valued slave and caretaker of his children--a decision that brings about unthinkable consequences.</p> | <p><i>*Isaac's Storm</i> Erik Larson</p> <p>Tells the story of Isaac Cline, a weather scientist in Galveston, Texas in 1900, discussing his belief and assertion that nothing in the way of weather could destroy the coastal city; and looks at how Cline dealt with the aftermath of the hurricane that hit Galveston on September 8, claiming the lives of thousands of people.</p> | <p><i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Puffin Classics version)</i> Jules Verne</p> <p>A French professor and his team sail the ocean for an adventure under the reigns of Captain Nemo.</p> |
| <p><i>A Step From Heaven</i> An Na</p> <p>A young girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.</p> | <p><i>Everlost</i> Neal Shusterman</p> <p>When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing to break free.</p> | <p><i>Lightning Thief</i> Rick Riordan</p> <p>After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself. Percy joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.</p> | <p>Students are required to read two selections from this list before entering seventh grade PreAP or GT classes. They will be assessed on summer reading within the first six weeks of school. These selections are recommended for all students. * denotes nonfiction</p> |

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REQUIRED SUMMER READING BY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2015--8TH GRADE

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| Sugar Land Middle School | All Regular ELA students must read ONE novel from the district summer reading list for their 2014-2015 school year and be prepared to complete an assessment/assignment within the first two weeks of school. | All PreAP/GT ELA students must read the following titles and be prepared to complete assessments/assignments within the first two weeks of school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic – <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>; AND • Contemporary--<i>Three Cups of Tea: The Young Reader's Edition</i> by Greg Mortenson and David Relin OR <i>Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind</i> by Suzanne Fisher Staples |
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FBISD Summer Reading List 2014 Eighth Grade (Please check campus lists for specific instructions)

| Contemporary | Contemporary | Contemporary | Classic |
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| <p><i>Buried Onions</i> Gary Soto</p> <p>When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican-American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.</p> | <p><i>Hunger Games</i> Suzanne Collins</p> <p>Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place in an annual televised survival competition pitting young people against one another;.</p> | <p><i>*The Other Side of the Sky</i> Farah Ahmed and Timim Ansary</p> <p>The victim of a land mine tells about her childhood in Afghanistan and discusses the challenges she has faced as a result of losing her leg, and in trying to adapt to living in the United States.</p> | <p><i>King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table</i> Roger Lancelyn Green</p> <p>Retells the stories of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the quest for the Holy Grail, and Morgana le Fay</p> |
| <p><i>*Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i> Phillip Hoose</p> <p>Presents an account of 15 year old Claudette Colvin, an African-American girl who refused to give up her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, nine months before Rosa Parks, and covers her role in a crucial civil rights case.</p> | <p><i>Romiette and Julio</i> Sharon Draper</p> <p>An African-American girl and a Latino boy fall in love after meeting on the Internet, but a gang who objects to their interracial dating harasses them.</p> | <p><i>*Three Cups of Tea The Young Reader's Edition</i> Greg Mortenson and David Relin</p> <p>One man's journey to change the world-- one child at a time.</p> | <p><i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> Mark Twain</p> <p>The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a 19th-century Mississippi River town as he plays hooky on an island, witnesses a crime, hunts for pirate's treasure, and becomes lost in a cave.</p> |

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| <p><i>*Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story</i> Ben Carson and Cecil Murphy</p> <p>Captures Dr. Ben Carson's fight to beat the odds, the secret behind his accomplishments as a pediatric neurosurgeon, and what drives him to take risks.</p> | <p><i>Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind</i> Suzanne Fisher Staples</p> <p>In a year that brings a sandstorm, a feud with a rich landowner, and other disasters, the daughter of a nomad in the Pakistan desert, becomes a victim of her people's views of gender roles and marriage.</p> | <p><i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> Ben Mikaelson</p> <p>In order to avoid going to prison Cole agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a bear changes him.</p> | <p>Students are required to read two selections from this list before entering eighth grade PreAP or GT classes. They will be assessed on summer reading within the first six weeks of school. These selections are recommended for all students.</p> <p>* denotes nonfiction</p> |
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