

May 2015 First Colony Middle School Summer Reading List INCOMING 7th Graders

FCMS seventh grade students are readers!

Research has shown that students who read 5-7 books during the summer maintain current reading levels. With that fact in mind, seventh grade students are expected to complete these summer reading activities:

1. Read two books from this list:

<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	by Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i>	by James Swanson
<i>Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip</i>	by Jordan Sonnenblick
<i>Day of Tears</i>	by Julius Lester
<i>Iqbal</i>	by Francesco D'Adamo
<i>La Linea</i>	by Ann Jaramillo
<i>The Laura Line</i>	by Chrystal Allen
<i>Pay It Forward: Young Readers Edition</i>	by Catherine Ryan Hyde
<i>The Unwanteds</i>	by Lisa McMann

Clean copies of books can be purchased if students want to complete notes in the book, or students may take brief notes on literary elements (theme, conflict, character, setting). Students will be assessed over summer reading at the beginning of the school year.

2. In addition to the above requirement, students should challenge themselves by participating in one or more of these activities:

- Join summer reading clubs offered at local public libraries;
- Read books from the Lone Star Reading List. Information can be found online or at the local library;
- Form book clubs with friends to trade and discuss books;
- Set reading goals and keep a log of summer reading accomplishments;
- Find a favorite series or author and read all available books;
- With parent permission, register at www.goodreads.com to keep reading log and comment on books;
- Set aside reading time each day to meet goals.

Seventh grade teachers look forward to having you share your reading experiences and book recommendations when you return.

Happy reading and happy summer!