

PENN-DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

NORTHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



SUMMER READING

GRADE 7

2022

Spring 2022

Dear Parent and Students:

All of us who are involved in teaching English Language Arts acknowledge the value of practicing reading all year long – not just during the school year. For that reason, we have developed a required summer reading assignment because we believe it will help students meet academic challenges in the coming year and encourage them to develop independent reading habits.

All students are required to read one book: *Unstoppable* by Tim Green. *Unstoppable* is Northley’s One Book One School selection for the 2022-2023 school year.

Unstoppable by Tim Green – Realistic Fiction. If anyone understands the phrase "tough luck," it's Harrison. As a foster kid in a cruel home, he knows his dream of one day playing in the NFL is a longshot. Then Harrison is brought into a new home with kind, loving parents—his new dad is even a football coach. Harrison's big build and his incredible determination quickly make him a star running back on the junior high school team. On the field, he's practically unstoppable. But Harrison's good luck can't last forever. When a routine sports injury leads to a devastating diagnosis, it will take every ounce of Harrison's determination not to give up for good.

Directions for all students entering Grade 7

Every student entering Grade 7 should:

- 1. Read *Unstoppable* by Tim Green.**
- 2. Complete the attached reading story map/illustration packet and bring it to ELA on the first day of school in September.**
- 3. Take a Reading Counts quiz.**

Unstoppable is available in both print and digital versions in community libraries (such as the Aston Public Library), local bookstores, and through sites such as Amazon.

Students may take the Reading Counts quizzes during the summer when the library computer lab is open, or **students may also take the quizzes in September when they return to school.**

This packet of information is available on the Penn-Delco website at www.pdsd.org, and will be reviewed and discussed in ELA classes before the end of the school year. Thank you in advance for your support of this program.

Sincerely,

The Northley Seventh Grade ELA Teachers

Name _____

7th Grade SUMMER READING STORY MAP

Title _____

Author: _____

Before Reading:

Predict: what do you think this book is about? _____

What do you learn from the summary of the book (back or inside flap)? _____

Read the first two chapters. What is the setting of the story? Include where and when it takes place. _____

Make a personal connection to the topic of this story. _____

During Reading:

List 8 Important Events in the story. These events must include beginning, middle, and end of the story.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Main Character:

Describe this character's personality: _____

What does this character care about? _____

Find a quote that this character says that shows "who they are." _____

After Reading:

What is a theme in this novel? _____

Give an example from the story to support this theme: _____

Write a 5 sentence **summary** of this novel. Focus on the big ideas, not on the details: _____

Would you recommend this book? Why or why not? _____

Visualization:

On the next page, draw a picture of a scene you can visualize in the book. Be sure to include details, color, background and a caption (a sentence that describes what is happening in the story). You must show EFFORT.

Include:

1. Title/Author
2. Drawing of an event you can visualize
3. Details and background
4. Color
5. A complete sentence describing your picture

This illustration shows:
