

PENN-DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

NORTHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUMMER READING

GRADE 7

2021

Spring 2021

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.

Students are required to read one book that the student chooses from a list. These books are available in both print and digital versions in community libraries, local bookstores, and through sites such as Amazon.

Directions for all students entering Grade 7

Every student entering Grade 7 should:

- 1. Read a book of your choice from the attached list.**
- 2. Take a Reading Counts quiz for this book.**
- 3. Complete the attached reading story map and illustration for your chosen book, and bring them to ELA on the first day of school in September.**

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.

The Aston Public Library has been given copies of the required summer reading lists for Northley Middle School and Sun Valley High School:

Aston Public Library
257 Concord Road
Aston, PA 19014
(610) 494-5877

The above information, along with a list of book descriptions, will be reviewed and discussed in reading 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

Seventh Grade Summer Reading Books:

Reading

Choice Reading (choose one from this list):

Avi. Something Upstairs – Mystery/Ghost Story. When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.

Creech. Walk Two Moons - Realistic Fiction. After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

Gantos. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key - Realistic Humor, Fiction. Joey has a problem – he is always in trouble! Now he and the adults who care about him have to decide what to do about it.

Haddix. Among the Hidden – Fantasy. Luke is a third child, forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now he is no longer even allowed to go outside.

Horowitz. Stormbreaker - Thriller. Fourteen-year-old Alex has always been told that his uncle was killed in a car accident. But Alex starts to unravel the mysterious truth when he discovers that his uncle's windshield was riddled with bullet holes. As Alex ventures deeper into his uncle's secret life, he finds himself running from terrorists and working for the government. Can he handle the mission? The fate of England depends on it.

Green. Unstoppable – Realistic Fiction, Sports. 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 long shot.

Draper. Out of My Mind – Realistic Fiction. Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom. Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy.

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 describe 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. Caption

This illustration shows:
