

Dear Parents of Incoming Seventh Graders,

The following is a list of Reading/Language Arts assignments that your child is required to complete over the summer vacation. These assignments are intended to help make the September transition smoother and to prepare each student for the demands of the seventh grade curriculum. Anything you can do with your child to enhance learning will be beneficial. The instructions that follow are intended for your child.

**Reading:**

1. Choose two selections from the Seventh Grade Reading List.
2. For each selection, type a summary sheet for your reading teacher. This sheet should cover:
  - a. The main characters, plot, conflict, setting and theme of each book; and
  - b. Your opinion of the book, including how you felt about the author's writing style and use of vocabulary.

Make sure to use 12 point font (Times New Roman or Arial), double space your writing, and remember to have a heading on the top right corner and a title and author for each book.

**Language Arts:**

1. Log into Newsela.com to join a summer reading club. (See separate Language Arts assignment sheet for full directions about how to log in and join a club.)
2. Over the course of the summer, read the 10 articles that are automatically assigned through [Newsela](https://newsela.com). These articles will appear in your "binder tab" on the website.
3. Write a two-page, double spaced essay in which you address the most important (or most interesting) facts that you learned from reading the articles.
4. Attach a brief works cited page to the essay, indicating the titles of all ten articles that you read.

Make sure to use 12 point font (Times New Roman or Arial), double space your writing, and remember to have a heading on the top right corner of the first page.

***Enjoy your summer and we look forward to a wonderful year in seventh grade!***

Sincerely,

Miss Goldstein  
Language Arts Teacher

Mrs. Riley  
Reading Teacher

# Summer Reading Assignment 2017

7th Grade LAL

Miss Goldstein

This summer, you will be required to participate in a Newsela summer reading club, in which you will read ten articles from a club of your choice from the list below. Once you join a club, a binder tab on your personal Newsela account will upload the ten articles that you are to read. After reading the ten articles, you will write a two page, 12 point-font, double spaced essay that highlights the most important information that you learned from the ten articles. *You must attach a works cited page to the essay indicating which 10 articles you read.* See directions below about joining Newsela and signing up for a club:

Essays will be due: **Friday, September 8th** in your Language Arts class.

## **Directions:**

1. Go to [newsela.com/join](http://newsela.com/join). Click on "I'm a Learner" and sign up for NewsELA.
2. Follow the links below to sign up for a club of your choice.

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Club Link</b>	<b>Club Code</b>
Youth Activism Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB01">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB01</a>	CLUB01
Sports Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB02">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB02</a>	CLUB02
Technology Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB03">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB03</a>	CLUB03
Dance Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB04">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB04</a>	CLUB04
History Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB05">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB05</a>	CLUB05
Animals Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB06">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB06</a>	CLUB06
Myths and Legends Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB07">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB07</a>	CLUB07
Dream Jobs Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB08">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB08</a>	CLUB08
Around the World Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB09">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB09</a>	CLUB09
Environmental Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB10">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB10</a>	CLUB10
Strange But True News Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB11">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB11</a>	CLUB11
Media Literacy Club	<a href="http://newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB12">newsela.com/quickjoin/#/CLUB12</a>	CLUB12

Central Middle School

Stirling, New Jersey

Seventh grade brings new experiences, challenges, and achievements in middle school. The goal of our teachers and administrators is that students will find their summer reading experiences so rewarding and enjoyable that they will continue to read independently throughout the year.

Seventh graders are required to read at least two books from the seventh grade reading list. In addition, they may also choose a book that is not on the list as long as it is an age-appropriate title.

Parents are asked to sign next to each book completed. The students must bring their summer reading assignment to reading class during the first week of school.

Students are responsible for making a copy of the reading list for seventh graders for their personal use to guide them to select good books for not just the summer, but during the next school year as well. Copies of the reading list are available at the school district's web site ([www.longhill.org](http://www.longhill.org)).

Many of the authors listed on the school's web site have written other books that you will also enjoy. If you are unable to locate books on this list, please check with the librarians at the public library for appropriate seventh grade level fiction books.

Happy summer and happy reading!

Mrs. Riley  
Reading Teacher

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title

Author

Parent's Signature

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## SUMMER READING CHOICES FOR 7<sup>th</sup>-GRADERS

Central Middle School 2017-18

Seventh graders are required to read two books during the summer. They may pick from the list below or choose another age-appropriate title.

*We encourage students to read more than two books during the summer. Research shows independent reading is the single largest contributor to academic success.*

Title	Author	Genre/Award
<b><i>Life as We Knew It</i></b>	Susan Beth Pfeffer	Science Fiction
A family struggles to survive after a meteor hits the moon and causes climate change on Earth. <b>A Central Middle School favorite!</b>		
<b><i>Soar</i></b>	Joan Bauer	Realistic Fiction
Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan. He really loves baseball and he knows just about everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach.		
<b><i>Ender's Game</i></b>	Orson Scott Card	Science Fiction
Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.		
<b><i>QB 1</i></b>	Mike Lupica	Sports Fiction
Jake Cullen, fourteen, lives in the shadows of his father and older brother until he becomes the starting quarterback for the high school football team and finally has his chance to shine.		
<b><i>Absolutely Normal Chaos</i></b>	Sharon Creech	Realistic Fiction
Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up quickly during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.		
<b><i>The Hidden Oracle</i></b> , Book 1 in the Trials of Apollo series	Rick Riordan, a <b>Central Middle School favorite author</b>	Fantasy
After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. He must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favor.		

<b><i>Elijah of Buxton</i></b>	Christopher Paul Curtis	Adventure, Historical Fiction
The first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.		
<b><i>Harris and Me</i></b>	Gary Paulsen	Realistic Fiction
Sent to live with relatives on their farm because of his unhappy home life, an eleven-year-old city boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is introduced to a whole new world.		
<b><i>Belle Teal</i></b>	Ann M. Martin	Historical Fiction
A 5th-grader in the early 1960s faces challenges as her Gran's memory begins to slip, her mom spends long hours away at work, and her class gets two new students, including an African-American boy.		
<b><i>Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life</i></b>	Wendy Mass	Realistic Fiction
Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.		
<b><i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i></b>	Wilson Rawls	Adventure, Animals
Billy and his coonhound pups hunt through the Ozarks, trying to "tree" the elusive raccoon, often risking their lives.		
<b><i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i>, or any book in the series</b>	J.K. Rowling	Fantasy
A young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.		
<b><i>Okay for Now</i></b>	Gary Schmidt	Historical Fiction
A 14-year-old deals with an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, community suspicion and isolation, and a terrible secret.		
<b><i>Peak</i></b>	Roland Smith	Adventure
A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.		