



Summer Reading List Rising 7th Grade 2026-2027 School Year



Experts agree that children who read during the summer months gain reading skills while those who do not often slide backwards (RIF). Students should read for at least 20 minutes each day.

Read at least 3 of the following books this summer (in addition to lots of self-selected reading) & use the accompanied reading log to track your reading. Please submit the reading log (signed by a parent) upon return to school.

Required Reading for ALL rising 7th grade students

Esperanza Rising

Pam Munoz Ryan

Choose at least 2 of the following books:

Call of the Wild

Jack London

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Readers Edition)

William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer

The Crossover or Rebound or Booked

Kwame Alexander

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun

Tola Okogwu

We Own the Sky

W.R. Philbrick

Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs

Pam Munoz Ryan

Inside Out and Back Again

Thanhha Lai

Bucking the Sarge

Christopher Paul Curtis

A Year Down Yonder (Long Way from Chicago sequel) Richard Peck

Laughing Boy

Oliver La Farge

The Number Devil

Hans Magnus Enzensberger

Chains

Laurie Halse Anderson

Brown Girl Dreaming

Jacqueline Woodson

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