Central Junior High 7th GRADE SUMMER READING

**Important Info:** Each student will need a personal copy of *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper by September 4, 2020.

This will be our first novel we will read as a class!

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<th><strong>Who?</strong></th>
<th>ALL incoming Central Junior High 7th grade students</th>
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| **What?** | Read at least THREE books this summer and then keep reading. *(Read three (3) books of your own choosing.*
  *Included below is research for you and your parents to read that shows why it is beneficial for you to read THREE books over the summer.*
  *There is a suggested list of books if you can’t find one that you love. PLEASE DON’T READ A BOOK THAT YOU HAVE READ BEFORE!! Until you have read your (3) new books* |
| **When?** | You will be required to complete an assignment on the books you read. Please fill out the attached form on the books you read so you will be able to complete assignments when you start school in August. |
| **Where?** | Books can be checked out from the Moore Public Library, or you may purchase your own copy from any book store. Half-Price Books at I-240 and Penn, [http://www.thrift.com](http://www.thrift.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) are great sources of books and book lists. These locations would also have a copy of *Out of My Mind* for you to purchase. |

10 CRITICAL FACTS ABOUT SUMMER READING

**Losses from the "Summer Slide"** — learning or reading skill losses during the summer months are cumulative, creating a wider gap each year between more proficient and less proficient students. By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer reading loss has accumulated to a two–year lag in reading achievement.²

Regardless of ethnicity, socioeconomic level, or previous achievement, children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading-comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer.¹

Teachers typically spend between 4 to 6 weeks re-teaching material students have forgotten over the summer.³

It is estimated that the "Summer Slide" accounts for as much as 85% of the reading achievement gap between lower income students and their middle- and upper-income peers.⁴

During the school year, lower income children's skills improve at close to the same rate as those of their more advantaged peers — but over the summer, middle- and upper-income children's skills continue to improve, while lower income children's skills do not.³

Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary and reading speed.⁵

3rd graders who can't read on grade level are four times less likely to graduate by age 18 than a proficient reader.⁶

Having reading role-model parents or a large book collection at home has a greater impact on kids' reading frequency than does household income.⁷

Parents think their children should read an average of 11 books over the summer, ranging from 17 books for children ages 6-8, to 6 books for 15- to 17-year olds.⁷

Ninety-nine percent of parents think children their child's age should read over the summer.⁷

An overwhelming 92% of kids say they are more likely to finish a book they picked out themselves.⁷


READING IS LIKE PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT OR A SPORT. IF YOU DON'T PRACTICE YOU LOSE YOUR SKILLS!!!!

Have Questions? Please contact:
Amber Gravitt: ambergravitt@mooreschools.com
Fill in the information below and return this page to your Reading teacher at the beginning of the school year. If you need more space to write attach a sheet of notebook. **See the example below.

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Cece wants to make friends and fit in when she goes to a new school in a new town, but an illness caused her to go deaf and she has to wear an awkward hearing aid with wires and a big box that hangs around her neck. This causes Cece to feel different from the others and makes it hard for her to make friends.
### Nonfiction

**Pathfinders: African American Men and Women Who Made a Difference** by Tonya Bolden  
**One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance** by Nikki Grimes  
**Rad Women Worldwide: Artists and Athletes, Pirates and Punks, and Other Revolutionaries Who Shaped History** by Kate Schatz  
**Rad American Women A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries who Shaped Our History... and Our Future** by Kate Schatz  
**Undefeated Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team** by Steve Sheinkin  
**Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune** by Pamela S. Turner  
**This Land is Our Land: A History of American Immigration** by Linda Barrett Osborne  
**The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** by Daniel James Brown  
**I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai  
**Go: A Kidd’s Guide to Graphic Design** by Chip Kidd  
**The Plot to Kill Hitler** by Patricia McCormick

### Realistic Fiction

**Short** by Holly Sloan Goldberg  
**Flying Lessons and Other Stories** by Ellen Oh  
**The Land of Forgotten Girls** by Erin Entrada Kelly  
**Ghost** by Jason Reynolds  
**Pieces of Why** by K.L. Going  
**Booked** by Kwame Alexander  
**The Thing About Jellyfish** by Ali Benjamin  
**The Girl I Used to Be** by April Henry  
**Shoot-Out** by Mike Lupica  
**Doll Bones** by Holly Black  
**The Dead Boys** by Royce Buckingham  
**When Friendship Followed Me Home** by Paul Griffin  
**Golden Boy** by Tara Sullivan  
**Curveball: The Year I lost My Grip** by Jordan Sonnenblick  
**Goodbye Stranger** by Rebecca Stead  
**Zero Day** by Jan Gangsei  
**Greenglass House** by Kate Milford  
**Raymie Nightengale** by Kate DiCamillo  
**Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie** by Jordan Sonnenblick  
**Cuckoo Song** by Frances Hardinge  
**Counting by Sevens** by Holly Goldberg  
**Wonder** by R.J. Palacio  
**Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library** by Chris Grabenstein  

### Fantasy

**The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill  
**When the Sea Turned to Silver** by Grace Lin  
**Steelheart** by Brandon Sanderson  
**Defy** by Sara B. Larson  
**Cinder** by Meyer, Marissa  
**The False Prince** by Nielsen, Jennifer A.  
**An Author’s Odyssey** by Chris Colfer  
**The Skeleton Tree** by Kim Ventrella  
**The Selection (series)** by Kiera Cass  
**The Rithmatist** by Brandon Sanderson

### Historical Fiction

**Wolf Hollow** by Lauren Wolk  
**Midnight Without a Moon** by Linda Williams Jackson  
**A Night Divided** by Jennifer Nielsen  
**Lions of Little Rock** by Levine, Kristin  
**In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse** by Joseph Marshall III  
**Stella by Starlight** by Sharon Draper

### Graphic Novels

**Snow White: A Graphic Novel** by Matt Phelan  
**Ms. Marvel** by G. Willow Wilson and Adrian Alphona  
**Drama** by Telgemeier, Raina  
**Hazardous Tales** (series) by Nathan Hale

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“If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books.”

– Roald Dahl