



## Southridge Junior High Required Summer Reading for 2020

Dear Southridge Parents and Students,

It is the Language Arts Department's belief that reading comprehension is an indicator of future success in education. The only way for reading skills to develop is through consistent practice.

***~All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade SJH students (regular AND honors) must complete the reading of one of the following books from the 2019 Intermediate Sequoyah Masterlist:***

- **The Benefits of Being An Octopus by Ann Braden**
- **Refugee by Alan Gratz**
- **Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier**
- **Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham**
- **After The Shot Drops by Randy Ribay**

***~Any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in Honors Language Arts will need to read one book from the list, as well as a second book of his/her choice. (The second book should be similar in length and reading level; it may or may not be from this same list.) We need students to be able to compare/contrast how the protagonist from each novel grows as a person and gains a new awareness through some tough lessons in his/her life, as well as identify literary elements seen throughout both plots.***

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Students must complete the reading of their chosen novel(s) **BEFORE** the first day of school—**August 13, 2020**. Students should be prepared to discuss the story and complete a timed writing or any other project/assignment during the first few weeks of school. Your child's English and reading teachers will assign due dates when assignments are given.

If possible, please bring a copy of the chosen novel to class on the first day and every day until further notice. Barnes and Noble bookstore (in Norman) will be stocked with these titles; the Moore/OKC Public Library located at SW 134<sup>th</sup> & Pennsylvania as well as Half Priced Books are also aware of this summer reading and will have extra copies of this title for your convenience. (Of course, the benefits of students owning the novel are priceless!)

Happy reading, Leopards!

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