

Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading for 2016-2017

Calle Mayor Middle School

Exploring Growth in Character

Concept:

In 7th grade, we will be focusing on our transformation from childhood to adolescence. These summer reading books have been selected to inspire students by allowing them to experience stories that explore growth in character. Students will be incorporating themes and ideas from their summer reading into their 1st Quarter work in 7th grade English.

Assignment:

The assignment has two parts:

1. It is suggested that all students read **Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March**, by Lynda Blackmon Lowery.
2. Additionally, all students will read one (or more) of the books from the “Book Choice” list below.
3. Keep a *Reading Chart* of all the books you read. List the title, author, and number of pages.

Read **Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom** and one (or more) of the following:

Crossover <i>Alexander, Kwame</i>	Lunch-Box Dream <i>Abbott, Tony</i>
Daughter of Xanadu <i>Yang, Dori Jones</i>	Prophecy Keepers <i>Bryant, Melanie</i>
Ender’s Game <i>Card, Orson Scott</i>	So B. It <i>Weeks, Sarah</i>
Found <i>Haddix, Margaret Peterson</i>	Summer Ball <i>Lupica, Mike</i>
Hurricane Dancers <i>Engle, Margarita</i>	Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere <i>Lamana, Julie T.</i>

Crossover (Narrative in Verse)

Alexander, Kwame

Twelve-year old Josh Bell and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood.

Daughter of Xanadu (Historical Fiction)

Yang, Dori Jones

Athletic and strong willed, Princess Emmajin's determined to do what no woman has done before: become a warrior in the army of her grandfather, the Great Khan Khubilai. In the Mongol world the only way to achieve respect is to show bravery and win glory on the battlefield.

Ender’s Game (Sci-Fi)

Card, Orson Scott

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer simulated war games; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate. The result of genetic experimentation, Ender may be the military genius Earth desperately needs in a war against an alien enemy seeking to destroy all human life.

Found (Sci-Fi)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Thirteen-year-old Jonah has always known that he was adopted, and he's never thought it was any big deal. Then he and a new friend, Chip, who's also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters.

Hurricane Dancers (Historical Fiction)

Engle, Margarita

Quebrado has been traded from pirate ship to ship in the Caribbean Sea for as long as he can remember. The sailors he toils under call him *el quebrado*--half islander, half outsider, a broken one. Now the pirate captain Bernardino de Talavera uses Quebrado as a translator to help navigate the worlds and words between his mother's Taíno Indian language and his father's Spanish.

Lunch-Box Dream (Historical Fiction)

Abbott, Tony

Lunch-Box Dream presents Jim Crow, racism, and segregation from multiple perspectives. In this story of witnessing without understanding, a naïvely prejudiced boy, in brief flashes of insight, starts to identify and question his assumptions about race.

Prophecy Keepers (Fantasy)

Bryant, Melanie

Fourteen year old Lisandra Ackart discovers that she is the "Gifted One" spoken of in the ancient legends and reluctantly embarks on a journey to save her world from the rising Darkness.

So B. It (Young Adult Fiction)

Weeks, Sarah

Although she lives an unconventional lifestyle with her mentally disabled mother and their doting neighbour, Bernadette, Heidi has a lucky streak that has a way of pointing her in the right direction. When a mysterious word in her mother's vocabulary begins to haunt her, Heidi's thirst for the truth leads her on a cross-country journey in search of the secrets of her past.

Summer Ball (Realistic Fiction)

Lupica, Mike

When you're the smallest kid playing a big man's game, the challenges never stop—especially when your name is Danny Walker. Leading your travel team to the national championship may seem like a dream come true, but for Danny, being at the top just means the competition tries that much harder to knock him off.

Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere (Historical Fiction)

Lamana, Julie T.

Turning ten is a big deal to Armani. It means she's older, wiser, more responsible. But when Hurricane Katrina hits the Lower Nines of New Orleans, Armani realizes that being ten means

being brave, watching loved ones die, and mustering all her strength to help her family weather the storm.