

Blind Brook Middle School

7th Grade Summer Reading: June 2019



Dear Incoming 7th Graders and Parents/Guardians:

One of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss, says in his book Oh, The Places You'll Go!, "*The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.*"

This summer, you will be busy spending time with family and/or friends. You may even be traveling to new, exciting places, or maybe you will be going back to camp for another fun-filled summer. Regardless of where you will be, we know that there are always opportunities to learn and to grow. As your future English teachers, we want you to continue learning during the summer months. We want you to travel to new places and meet new people—in your books!

What should you read?

For your summer reading, we will be providing you with an assigned text titled: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. **You will receive this book within the next couple of weeks. We will be providing you with some background information and a note-taking organizer to help you as you read. This organizer is OPTIONAL but STRONGLY encouraged!**

Also, we strongly encourage you to read additional books during your time this summer. Whether it is nonfiction or a particular book series, it is important that you continue to not only strengthen your reading skills - but that you enjoy reading and use it to reflect and relax this summer break.

How do I find a "free choice book" that I will enjoy?

Sometimes, the best way to find interesting books to read is to talk to other readers. Friends, family and teachers are helpful resources. Often, word of mouth is the best way to

find an exciting new book! If you find yourself "stumped", feel free to search through lists located on our Library Website.

What can you do while you read?

As you read, we would like you to write down your thinking (also known as "annotations") on Post-its. Your Post-its can show any type of thinking you have. All that we ask is for you to show your best thinking work about the **themes and/or the main ideas** in your books.

How will I be graded on my summer reading?

In September, we will be looking at your annotations to see what you already know how to do as readers, and what we will want to teach you during the school year. You will also be sharing your annotations with fellow classmates during a "celebration activity".

You will also have an **in-class writing assignment** on *The Outsiders*. We will prepare for this assignment together. This will be one of your first reading *and* writing assessments of the school year, so it is very important that you spend time thoughtfully analyzing this book over the summer. Annotations in your books will help you with your assignment in September.

Can I use my Kindle, iPad, eReader, etc.?

Lastly, we encourage you to **use paperback or hardcover books**. Although e-readers are a great tool for reading and annotating books, you will be sharing your books with other students in September. E-readers and other electronic devices will be more difficult for you to allow others to handle, during our celebration activity.

Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

Your 7th Grade English Teachers