2024 - Camillus Middle School 6th Grade to 7th Grade Summer Reading List

Participation is mandatory for every student entering 7th grade. Below is the list of summer reading books selected from varying literary genres from which your child will select. Many of these books are of high interest at typical reading levels. Other selections may be written at a more challenging reading level or contain more challenging content.

**Parental review and assistance is expected to help children find literature that is both content appropriate and meets a comfortable reading level for your child. **

**Athlete vs. Mathlete by W.C. Mack** Owen Evans has always lit up the scoreboards while his brother, Russell, has always rocked the school honor roll. Seventh-grade twins Owen and Russell are as different as night and day, and that spells trouble when both of them end up competing on the same team. Russell is a tall, skinny kid who is much more interested in brain games than sports. Owen is exactly the opposite! When a new coach recruits both boys, trouble begins for them as the natural competition doesn’t always bring out their best sides. Will the brothers be able to put aside their differences to help each other? Athlete vs. Mathlete is a lighthearted and hilarious look at what happens when brains and brawn meet basketball.

**The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman** 7th grader Oliver Zahn is not a fan of his new teacher, Mr. Aidact. He’s strict and refers to his students as “pupils”. But when he starts spewing the lyrics to every song ever sung, mastering tons of useless trivia, or leading the field hockey team to a championship in a sport he never knew existed, everyone realizes something fishy is going on. Oliver and the students of Brightling Middle School vow to solve the mystery surrounding their “favorite” new teacher. A hilarious novel that will keep you guessing- there’s never a dull moment!

**Looking Up by Stephan Pastis** Living with her mother in a poorer part of town, Saint sees the neighborhood she’s known and loved disappearing around her; old homes torn down and replaced with coffee shops and fancy condos. But when her favorite, creaky old toy store is demolished, she knows it’s time to act. Enlisting the help of Daniel “Chance” McGibbons, a quiet boy who lives across the street, Saint hatches a plan to save what is left of her beloved town. A heartwarming, moving story about how change affects all of our lives.

**Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson** Set during the Revolutionary War, Isabel and her little sister Ruth are young slaves who were promised their freedom. Instead, they’re sold to a heartless couple with Loyalist ties. The girls endure harsh treatment and horrible working conditions. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners and plans for a British invasion. She’s reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel will stop at nothing to earn her freedom. A story of determination, bravery and the resiliency of spirit.

**Small Spaces by Katherine Arden** When 11-year-old Ollie steals a book from a woman about to throw it into the water, she begins to read and is mesmerized. The book warns of a “smiling man” who grants your most tightly held wish for the ultimate price. Fiction meets reality when on her school field trip to a local farm, Ollie stumbles upon the graves of those she’s been reading about. Even scarier, sinister scarecrows seem to be watching her. Could the story of the smiling man really be true? Find out in this deliciously creepy, hair-raising adventure!

**Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas** Bree can’t wait for her first day at her new middle school until she realizes she has to take the only course left that fits into her schedule - Swim 101. The problem is that Bree doesn’t know how to swim and now must dive head first into one of her greatest fears. With the help of a kind neighbor, she learns to swim and joins the team. Now, they’re counting on her to win the state championship. Can Bree pull through or has she swum her last lap - for good? This splashy, contemporary middle grade graphic novel is a deeply smart, inspiring story.