

Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading for 2018-2019

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 **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice**, by Phillip M. Hoose.
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 **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice** and one (or more) of the following:

Booked <i>Alexander, Kwame</i>	Hurricane Dancers <i>Engle, Margarita</i>
Daughter of Xanadu <i>Yang, Dori Jones</i>	Lunch-Box Dream <i>Abbott, Tony</i>
Ender’s Game <i>Card, Orson Scott</i>	Prophecy Keepers <i>Bryant, Melanie</i>
Finding Someplace <i>Patrick, Denise Lewis</i>	So B. It <i>Weeks, Sarah</i>
Found <i>Haddix, Margaret Peterson</i>	Summer Ball <i>Lupica, Mike</i>

Booked (Narrative in Verse)

Alexander, Kwame

Soccer, family, love, and friendship, take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. This electric and heartfelt novel-in-verse by poet Kwame Alexander bends and breaks as it captures all the thrills and setbacks, action and emotion of a World Cup match!

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice (Non-fiction)

Hoose, Phillip M.

Based on extensive interviews with Claudette Colvin and many others, Phillip Hoose presents the first in-depth account of an important yet largely unknown civil rights figure, skillfully weaving her dramatic story into the fabric of the historic Montgomery bus boycott and court case that would change the course of American history.

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.

Finding Someplace (Historical Fiction)

Patrick, Denise Lewis

On Reesie's 13th birthday, everything changes. Hurricane Katrina hits her city. Stranded at home alone, Reesie takes refuge with her elderly neighbor, Miss Martine. The waters rise. They escape in a boat. And soon Reesie is reunited with her family. But her journey back home has only begun.

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.