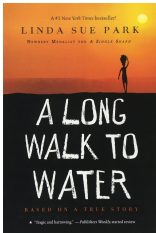
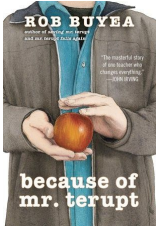
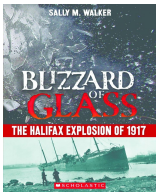


Mountview Middle School
Summer Reading Suggested Book List 2020 ~ Entering Grade 6

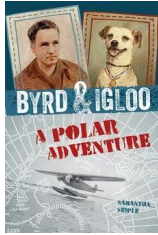
Middle school students entering sixth grade are **required to read at least one** book during the summer.
*****Students must choose a book they have not previously read from the summer reading list below.*****

Although no written assignment is required to be passed in at the beginning of the school year, we are providing note taking sheets for both fiction and non-fiction books that students may find helpful to keep track of their reading. Upon their return to school, students will have a brief assignment where they will share about their book and they will be asked to include direct quotations. Therefore, it is advised that students have access to the text or fill in the note taking sheets if this is not an option.

Enjoy your reading this summer! We look forward to hearing about some great reads in the fall!

Book Title and Author:	Basic Information:
<p><i>A Long Walk to Water</i></p> 	<p>Author: Linda Sue Park Genre: Fiction Pages: 128</p> <p>“<i>A Long Walk to Water</i> begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about a girl in Sudan in 2008 and a boy in Sudan in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours’ walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya’s in an astonishing and moving way.”</p>
<p><i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i></p> 	<p>Author: Rob Buyea Genre: Realistic Fiction Pages: 288</p> <p>“It’s the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There’s Jessica, the new girl, smart and perceptive, who’s having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, whose home situation makes her an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school.</p> <p>Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn’t let them get away with much . . . until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.”</p>
<p><i>Blizzard of Glass: Halifax Explosion of 1917</i></p> 	<p>Author: Sally M. Walker Genre: Non-Fiction Pages:</p> <p>“On December 6, 1917, two ships collided in Halifax Harbour. One ship was loaded top to bottom with munitions and one held relief supplies, both intended for wartorn Europe. The resulting blast flattened two towns, Halifax and Dartmouth, and killed nearly 2,000 people. As if that wasn't devastating enough, a blizzard hit the next day, dumping more than a foot of snow on the area and paralyzing much-needed relief efforts.”</p>

Byrd and Igloo



Author: Samantha Seiple

Genre: Non-Fiction

Pages: 192

Byrd and Igloo is the first narrative nonfiction book to tell the daring adventures of legendary polar explorer and aviator Richard Byrd and his lovable dog explorer, Igloo. Byrd is known for being the first to fly a plane over the North and South Poles, while Igloo is famous for being the only dog to explore both the North and South Poles. The adventures of Byrd and Igloo opened the door for science and research in the Antarctic.”

Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two

Author: Joseph Bruchac

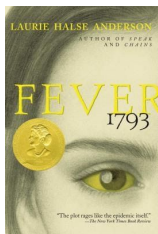
Genre: Historical Fiction

Pages: 240

“Throughout World War II, in the conflict fought against Japan, Navajo code talkers were a crucial part of the U.S. effort, sending messages back and forth in an unbreakable code that used their native language. They braved some of the heaviest fighting of the war, and with their code, they saved countless American lives. Yet their story remained classified for more than twenty years.

This deeply affecting novel honors all of those young men, like Ned Begay, a sixteen-year-old Navajo boy who becomes a code talker who dared to serve, and it honors the culture and language of the Navajo Indians.”

Fever 1793



Author: Laurie Halse Anderson

Genre: Historical Fiction

Pages: 272

“It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of fever. Down near the docks, many have taken ill, and the fatalities are mounting. Now they include Polly, the serving girl at the Cook Coffeehouse. But fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook doesn't get a moment to mourn the passing of her childhood playmate. New customers have overrun her family's coffee shop, located far from the mosquito-infested river, and Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.”

Gregor the Overlander



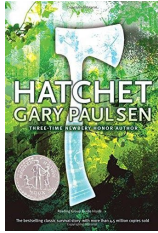
Author: Suzanne Collins

Genre: Science Fiction

Pages: 326

“When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his New York City apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. Gregor wants no part of it -- until he realizes it's the only way to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. Reluctantly, Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both him and the Underland forever.”

Hatchet



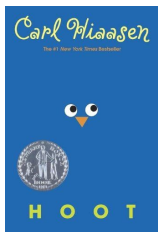
Author: Gary Paulsen
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 208

“Brian is on his way to Canada to visit his estranged father when the pilot of his small prop plane suffers a heart attack. Brian is forced to crash-land the plane in a lake--and finds himself stranded in the remote Canadian wilderness with only his clothing and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present before his departure.

Brian had been distraught over his parents' impending divorce and the secret he carries about his mother, but now he is truly desolate and alone. Exhausted, terrified, and hungry, Brian struggles to find food and make a shelter for himself. He has no special knowledge of the woods, and he must find a new kind of awareness and patience as he meets each day's challenges.

Slowly, Brian learns to turn adversity to his advantage--an invading porcupine unexpectedly shows him how to make fire, a devastating tornado shows him how to retrieve supplies from the submerged airplane. Most of all, Brian leaves behind the self-pity he has felt about his predicament as he summons the courage to stay alive.”

Hoot



Author: Carl Hiaasen
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 292

Unfortunately, Roy's first acquaintance in Florida is Dana Matherson, a well-known bully. Then again, if Dana hadn't been sinking his thumbs into Roy's temples and mashing his face against the school-bus window, Roy might never have spotted the running boy. And the running boy is intriguing: he was running away from the school bus, carried no books, and--here's the odd part--wore no shoes. Sensing a mystery, Roy sets himself on the boy's trail. The chase introduces him to potty-trained alligators, a fake-fart champion, some burrowing owls, a renegade eco-avenger, and several extremely poisonous snakes with unnaturally sparkling tails.”

Lone Stars

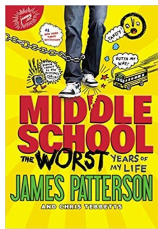


Author: Mike Lupica
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 230

“Clay is a quarterback's dream. When he zips across the field, arms outstretched, waiting for the ball to sail into his hands, there's no denying him the catch. Like most Texans, Clay is never more at home than when playing football. And his coach, a former star player for the Dallas Cowboys, is just like a second father.

But as the football season kicks off, Clay begins to notice some odd behavior from his coach--lapses in his memory and strange mood swings. The conclusion is painful, but obvious: Coach Cooper is showing side effects of the many concussions he sustained during his playing days. As Clay's season wears on, it becomes clear that the real victory will be to help his coach walk onto that famous star logo in the middle of Cowboys Field one last time--during a Thanksgiving day ceremony honoring him and his former Super Bowl-winning teammates.”

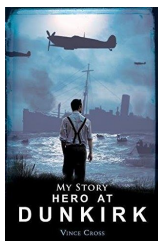
Middle School: Worst Years of My Life



Author: James Patterson
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 288

“Rafe Khatchadorian has enough problems at home without throwing his first year of middle school into the mix. Luckily, he's got an ace plan for the best year ever, if only he can pull it off: With his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. Chewing gum in class-5,000 points! Running in the hallway-10,000 points! Pulling the fire alarm-50,000 points! But when Rafe's game starts to catch up with him, he'll have to decide if winning is all that matters, or if he's finally ready to face the rules, bullies, and truths he's been avoiding.”

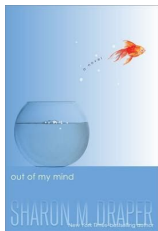
My Story: Hero at Dunkirk



Author: Vince Cross
Genre: Non-Fiction
Pages: 144

“Dunkirk, 1940. Thousands of Allied soldiers are trapped by Nazi soldiers after the Battle of France. There's no way out for them. Or is there? Maybe there's one escape route: the sea... Joe Read is fifteen, a normal kid who helps out on his dad's lifeboat. But now he's called to a greater cause: sailing across the English Channel, braving gunfire and bombs, to evacuate the stranded soldiers in France. He's part of a mission that will save the lives of 338,226 men in 861 vessels. Joe's true story is told in full in this unforgettable tale of the great Allied rescue described by Winston Churchill as 'a miracle of deliverance'.”

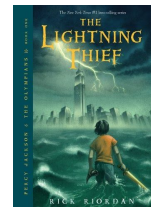
Out of My Mind



Author: Sharon Draper
Genre: Realistic Fiction
Pages: 295

“Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom - the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it - somehow.”

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief



Author: Rick Riordan
Genre: Fantasy/ Mythology
Pages: 375

“Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. And lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse—Percy could have sworn his pre-algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him. When Percy's mom finds out, she sends Percy to Camp Half Blood, a summer camp for demigods (on Long Island), where he learns that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea. Soon a mystery unfolds and together with his friends—one a satyr and the other the demigod daughter of Athena—Percy sets out on a quest across the United States to prevent a catastrophic war between the gods.”

