



Dear rising 7th grade WAVE students and parents,

One of our objectives at WAVE is to nurture a love for reading. Our expectation is that 7th grade WAVE students read **at least four books** over the summer, and by doing so, students will be better prepared for the rigors of an advanced program such as WAVE. Students may choose any grade level appropriate novel that relates to the seventh grade theme of **conflict**.

Over the summer, we encourage parents to read with their child and to have conversations about the literature. Below are questions that will help stimulate book discussions.

- What did you like best about the story? Provide specific examples of what “hooked” you.
- Does the main character change? In what ways? Did you like him/her better at the end? Why?
- What themes (big ideas) did you notice in the story? Where in the story did you notice them the most?
- What do you think was the author’s message in the novel? Give examples of where you noticed the message.
- How does the setting enhance the main theme(s) and/or conflict of the story? Why?
- How would the story be different if told from a different point of view?
- What connections do you make to your own life, while reading this book?
- What other books does this remind you of, and why?

WAVE students will be given an opportunity to complete an extra-credit assignment related to their summer reading when they return in August.

We hope you have a wonderful summer full of amazing reading, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

The 7th grade WAVE Humanities team

**For more information on the CCISD summer reading philosophy, please visit
<http://tinyurl.com/ltrrm8p>**

If you are looking for quality literature, here are some places you can explore for a good read and a challenge. We're confident you will enjoy them, and they support the 7th grade theme of "conflict."

Like a good challenge? Want to shine in 7th grade? Consider these book options.

Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes Challenge

At the beginning of the year, we focus on conflict and unearthing our personal stories. Below are some titles that will help support our 7th grade theme of conflict and are some options you might enjoy.

- *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek* by Van Wagenen, Maya.
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson
- *The Warrior's Heart* by Eric Greitens
- *No Summit Out of Sight* by Jordan Romero
- *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *March* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
- *The Boy who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
- *Unlikely Warrior: A Jewish Soldier in Hitler's Army* by Georg Rauch
- *Every Falling Star* by Sungju Lee and Susan Elizabeth McClelland
- *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin
- *Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith* by: Deborah Heiligman
- *Vincent & Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* by: Deborah Heiligman

Take a Risk on Something New Challenge

Goodreads- <https://www.goodreads.com/>
Looking for your next favorite book? You're in the right place. Share the titles or genres you've enjoyed in the past, and this website will give you surprisingly insightful recommendations. It is packed with book lists of every genre, and it even has a free app! Take a risk... give it a try...you never know what you will discover!

*You must be 13 years of age or older to create a Goodreads account, but parents are more than welcome to give their child access.



Genius Challenge

Mensa for Kids--This site gives a recommended reading list for students in eighth grade. If you read the books on the list, you can get a certificate and t-shirt from Mensa. We've already read several of the books in Wave. Check it out:

<http://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/>



Develop Your Passion Area Challenge

If you know what you like and you want to build on your passion, consider reading books about your favorite topic. You'll love what you're reading, and you'll get a jump on next year's TPSP project! Here are some sites to help you locate books in all areas.

Young Adult Library Services Association Best of the Best Books in 2016:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2016-best-best>

Young Adult Library Services Association Nonfiction Award Finalists for 2017:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction-award>

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