Summer Reading List 2018 for 7th Graders

Please select and read TWO from the following list by the first day of school:

Gregor the Overlander (Underland Chronicles Series) by Collins, Suzanne   Lexile 630
When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

The Face On The Milk Carton by Cooney, Caroline   Lexile 660
A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.

The Thief Lord by Funke, Cornelia   Lexile 640
Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

Football Genius by Green, Tim   Lexile 800
Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.

Double Identity by Haddix, Margaret Peterson   Lexile 810
Thirteen-year-old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.

Hoot by Hiaasen, Carl   Lexile 760
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Rumble Fish by Hinton, S.E.   Lexile 680
A junior high school boy idolizes his older brother, the coolest, toughest guy in the neighborhood, and wants to be just like him. Written by the author of The Outsiders.

No More Dead Dogs by Korman, Gordon   Lexile 610
Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

Boost by Mackel, Katherine   Lexile 600
Thirteen-year-old Savvy is the girls basketball team's star player, but, despite her height and skills, Savvy struggles with her self-confidence and searches for some way to boost her performance, but when steroids are found in her bag, Savvy denies they are hers and the rumors start to fly.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Stewart, Trenton Lee   Lexile 840
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that
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requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

**Enclave by Aguirre, Ann**  
Lexile 650  
Following her 15th birthday, Huntress Deuce is sent with topsider Fade to determine the fate of a neighboring enclave. After a shocking discovery, the pair is banished by their own enclave’s elders and must face the darkness and dangers unlike any ever seen.

**Chains by Anderson, Laurie Halse**  
Lexile 850  
After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. *Series*

**The Keepers’ Tattoo by Arbuthnot, Gill**  
Lexile 790  
Months before her fifteenth birthday, Nyssa learns that she is a special member of a legendary clan, the Keepers of Knowledge, as she and her uncle try to escape from Alaric, the White Wolf, who wants to use lines tattooed on her scalp to destroy the rest of her people.

**Robert F. Kennedy: A Twentieth-Century Life by Aronzon, Marc.**  
Lexile 1120  
This is a behind-the-scenes glimpse at how the “runt” of a wealthy and powerful political family came to represent the poor in the race for the presidency in the late 1960s.

**The Stars, Like Dust by Asimov, Isaac**  
Lexile 820  
At the death of his father, Biron Farrill becomes involved in the plot to rebel against the Tyranni who have conquered many worlds.

**Ship Breaker by Bacigalupi, Paolo**  
Lexile 690  
In a futuristic world, teenager Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living. When he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. Michael L. Printz Award 2011

**Abarat by Barker, Clive**  
Lexile 760  
A journey beyond imagination unfolds when Candy travels to the Abarat, a world composed of twenty-five islands where each island represents a different hour of the day and is filled with strangely imaginative creatures. Will Candy be able to save the Abarat from the dark forces that are beginning to stir? Beautifully bizarre paintings add depth to this unique fantasy story filled with daring adventure and surprises. *Series*

**Can I see your ID? : True Stories of False Identities by Barton, Chris**  
Lexile 980  
From the impoverished woman who enchanted nineteenth-century British society as a faux Asian princess to the lonely but clever Frank Abagnale of “Catch Me if You Can” fame, these true ten vignettes offer riveting insight into mind-blowing masquerades.

**Peeled by Bauer, Joan**  
Lexile 680  
In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle is determined to be a reporter whom her father would have been proud of, but she finds herself pitted against psychics and unexplained phenomenon.

**Ender’s Game by Card, Orson Scott**  
Lexile 780  
Andrew “Ender” Wiggin, who spends his childhood at military school in outer space, believes he is playing computer-simulated war games. However, he comes to realize he is really
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**Black & White** by Volponi, Paul  
Lexile 710  
Marcus and Eddie are best friends who found the strength to break through the racial barrier. Marcus is black; Eddie is white. Stars of their school basketball team, they are true leaders who look past the stereotypes and come out on top. But one night—and one wrong decision—will change their lives forever. Will their mistake cost them their friendship . . . and their future?

**Last Summer with Maizon** by Woodson, Jaqueline  
Lexile 620  
Margaret loves her parents and hanging out with her best friend, Maizon. Then it happens, like a one-two punch, during the summer she turns eleven: first, Margaret's father dies of a heart attack, and then Maizon is accepted at an expensive boarding school, far away from the city they call home. For the first time in her life, Margaret has to turn to someone who isn't Maizon, who doesn't know her heart and her dreams. . . .

**Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life** by Patterson, James  
Lexile 700  
It's Rafe first day of Middle School, and it's shaping up to be the worst year ever. He has enough problems at home without throwing school into the mix, but luckily he's got an ace plan for the best year ever--if only he can pull it off. With his best friend Leonardo awarding him points, Rafe will try to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct.

**Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy** by Sutherland, Tui  
Lexile 740  
The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. A secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting, with the help of a prophecy -- a foretelling that calls for great sacrifice. Five dragonets are collected to fulfill the prophecy, raised in a hidden cave and enlisted, against their will, to end the terrible war.

**Savvy** by Law, Ingrid  
Lexile 1070  
Thirteen is when a Beaumont's savvy hits—and with one brother who causes hurricanes and another who creates electricity, Mibs Beaumont is eager to see what she gets. But just before the big day, Poppa is in a terrible accident. And now all Mibs wants is a savvy that will save him. In fact, Mibs is so sure she'll get a powerful savvy that she sneaks a ride to the hospital on a rickety bus with her sibling and the preacher's kids in tow. After this extraordinary adventure, not a soul on board will ever be the same.

**The List** by Vivian, Siobhan  
Lexile 750  
It happens every year. A list is posted, and one girl from each grade is chosen as the prettiest, and another is chosen as the ugliest. Nobody knows who makes the list. It almost doesn't matter. The damage is done the minute it goes up. This is the story of eight girls, freshman to senior, "pretty" and "ugly." And it's also the story of how we see ourselves, and how other people see us, and the tangled connection of the two.

**Flipped** by Van Draanen, Wendelin  
Lexile 720  
The first time she saw him, she flipped. The first time he saw her, he ran. That was the second
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grade, but not much has changed by the seventh. She says: “My Bryce. Still walking around with my first kiss.” He says: “It’s been six years of strategic avoidance and social discomfort.” But in the eighth grade everything gets turned upside down. And just as he’s thinking there’s more to her than meets the eye, she’s thinking that he’s not quite all he seemed.

*The Romeo and Juliet Code* by Stone, Phoebe  
Lexile 850

Felicity’s glamorous parents have a secret. When they leave her with distant relatives in Maine, far away from the battles of WWII, Felicity hopes they won’t be gone for long. Her new Uncle Gideon hides things. Her Aunt Miami is star-crossed. And Derek, a kid her age, refuses to leave his room. But Felicity needs Derek’s help. Gideon is getting coded letters from Felicity’s parents, and she’s sure they’re in trouble.

*The Search for Wondla* by DiTerlizzi, Tony  
Lexile 760

When a marauder destroys the underground sanctuary that Eva Nine was raised in by the robot Muthr, the twelve-year-year-old girl is forced to flee aboveground. Eva Nine is searching for anyone else like her: She knows that other humans exist because of an item she treasures—a scrap of cardboard on which is depicted a young girl, an adult, and a robot, with the strange word, “WondLa.”

*The Wrap Up List* by Arnston, Steven  
Lexile 740

In this modern-day suburban town, one percent of all fatalities come about in the most peculiar way. Deaths—eight-foot-tall, silver-gray creatures—send a letter to whomever is chosen for a departure, telling them to wrap up their lives and do the things they always wanted to do before they have to “depart.” When sixteen-year-old Gabriela receives her notice, she is, of course devastated. Friendship, first love, and fantasy artfully mesh in this magically realistic world that ultimately celebrates life.

*Three Cups of Tea (Young Reader Edition)* by Greg Mortensen  
Lexile 910

In 1993, while climbing one of the world’s most difficult peaks, Greg Mortenson became lost and ill, and eventually found aid in the tiny Pakistani village of Korphe. He vowed to repay his generous hosts by building a school; his efforts have grown into the Central Asia Institute, which has since provided education for 25,000 children.

*The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind* by Kamkwamba, William  
Lexile 960

William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger. But William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of building one that would bring to his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water. His neighbors called him misala—crazy—but William refused to let go of his dreams.

*Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Myers, Walter Dean  
Lexile 780

Robin "Birdy" Perry, a new army recruit from Harlem, isn’t quite sure why he joined the army, but he’s sure where he’s headed: Iraq. Birdy and the others in the Civilian Affairs Battalion are supposed to help secure and stabilize the country and successfully interact with the Iraqi people. Officially, the code name for their maneuvers is Operation Iraqi Freedom. But the young
men and women in the CA unit have a simpler name for it: war.

**The Princess Diaries by Cabot, Meg**
Lexile 920
Mia Thermopolis is your average 9th grader. The most exciting things she ever dreams about are kissing her crush and passing Algebra. Then Mia's dad comes to town, and drops a major bomb. He's not just a European politician as he's always lead her to believe, but actually the prince of a small country! And Mia, his only heir, is now considered the crown princess.

**Rules by Lord, Cynthia**
Lexile 780
12 year old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David “life rules” in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend it’s her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

**Down the Rabbit Hole by Abrahams, Peter**
Lexile 680
Ingrid is in the wrong place at the wrong time. Or at least her shoes are. And getting them back will mean getting tangled up in a murder investigation as complicated as the mysteries solved by her idol, Sherlock Holmes. With soccer practice, schoolwork, and the lead role in her town's production of Alice in Wonderland, Ingrid is swamped. But as things in Echo Falls keep getting curioser and curioser, Ingrid realizes she must solve the murder on her own -- before it's too late!

**The Westing Game by Raskin, Ellen**
Lexile 750
When an eccentric millionaire Samuel Westing dies mysteriously, sixteen very unlikely people are gathered together for the reading of the will – and only one of them will inherit his mass fortune! See if you can solve the mystery behind Westing's murder before the characters by reading and playing The Westing Game.

**Ungifted by Korman, Gordon**
Lexile 730
The word gifted has never been applied to a kid like Donovan Curtis. So when the troublemaker pulls a major prank at his middle school, he thinks he’s finally gone too far. But thanks to a mix-up by one of the administrators, instead of getting in trouble, Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students.

**Orwell’s Luck by Jenning, Richard**
Lexile 900
When a wounded rabbit is found in the front yard, he is given a good home and a new name by a 12 year old with a liking for basketball, the trombone, and the newspaper's daily horoscope. But Orwell is no ordinary rabbit. It soon seems that he is attempting to reward his caretaker by sending coded messages in the form of predictions. Can this little rabbit foretell the future?