

June 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of 2019-2020 MacKinnon Middle School students:

We are looking forward to meeting your children and are excited to get to know them as readers and writers. In an effort to ensure that the students hold onto and practice the reading strategies they mastered last year, we are asking them to complete the following assignment.

Over the course of the summer, each student is to read **at least one of the books from the appropriate list below**. When we return to school in September, students will participate in book club discussions that will help build a strong community of readers in our classrooms as we get to know them as learners.

Please visit your local library or bookstore to find the title your student has selected from the list. Of course, feel free to seek out other titles that your student may also enjoy.

Incoming 6th graders:

- *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman, Lexile 730
- *A Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass, Lexile 770
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord, Lexile 670
- *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass, Lexile 710
- *Schooled* by Gordon Korman, Lexile 740

Incoming 7th graders:

- *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* Jack Gantos Lexile 890
- *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor, Lexile 680
- *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper Lexile 700
- **Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt, Lexile 630
- *Flygirl* By Sherri L. Smith Lexile 680

Incoming 8th graders:

- *That was Then, This is Now* by S.E. Hinton, Lexile 780
- *Heaven Looks a Lot Like the Mall* by Wendy Mass, Lexile 1120
- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman (Graphic Novel, no Lexile)
- *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone, Lexile 720
- *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan, Lexile 770

Through these book club conversations, we will be working on the two standards below,

- **Determines the main idea, key details, and a variety of story elements in order to summarize a text.**
- **Engages effectively in a range of collaborative and academic discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led).**

These lists will also be posted at the wbps.org website. We look forward to meeting your child in September and hope that you have a wonderful summer filled with enjoyment and reading.

Happy Reading,

Mackinnon Middle School ELA teachers

Junio del 2019

Estimados Padres y Tutores de los Estudiantes de la escuela Mackinnon del año escolar 2019-2020,

Estamos esperando el momento que conoceremos a sus hijos y especialmente como lectores y escritores. Para asegurar que no olviden las estrategias que aprendieron este año, estamos pidiendo que completen la siguiente asignación. En el verano cada estudiante necesita leer por lo menos un libro de la lista dado por su grado. Por ese medio cuando regresen en septiembre pueden participar en discusiones de clubes de lectura. Así, podemos conocer a ellos mas como lectores y escritores. Ustedes pueden encontrar los libros en la biblioteca o en un librería. Por supuesto, sientanse libres de buscar otros títulos que sus estudiantes también puedan disfrutar.

Por medio de las discusiones sobre los libros, los niños reforzarán como determinada la idea principal, identificar detalles importantes y otros elementos para saber cómo resumir un texto. También, van a prender como participar en discusiones colaborativas académicas.

La lista estará en el sitio del correo de la escuela, wbps.org website.

Esperamos el momento de conocer en septiembre, a sus hijos. También deseamos que ustedes tengan un verano maravilloso lleno de lectura.

Disfrute su lectura,

Las maestras/as del Mackinnon Middle School de lenguaje y literatura

Sexto grado

- *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman, Lexile 730
- *A Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass, Lexile 770
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord, Lexile 670
- *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass, Lexile 710
- *Schooled* by Gordon Korman, Lexile 740

Septimo grado

- *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* Jack Gantos Lexile 890
- *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor, Lexile 680
- *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper Lexile 700
- **Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt, Lexile 630
- *Flygirl* By Sherri L. Smith Lexile 680

Octavo grado

- *That was Then, This is Now* by S.E. Hinton, Lexile 780
- *Heaven Looks a Lot Like the Mall* by Wendy Mass, Lexile 1120
- *Maus* by Art Spiegelman (Graphic Novel, no Lexile)
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