

Students Entering Grade 7

***All 7th grade students will read a total of TWO books.**

I. Mandatory 7th Grade Title (all students entering seventh grade are required to read)

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

II. Choose one of the following titles for your second book:

1. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
2. *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer
3. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
4. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
5. *Hero* by Mike Lupica
6. *I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai
7. *Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool
8. *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John
9. *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science* by John Fleischman
10. *The Hive Detectives: A Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe* by Loree Griffin Burns
11. *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* by Walter Dean Myers
12. *Counting by 7's* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
13. *I Never Had it Made (an autobiography)* by Jackie Robinson with Alfred Duckett

Grade 7 Project Instructions

I. Mandatory 7th Grade Title

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

- You will take a quiz on the novel when you return to school in August.
- You must be able to participate in a class discussion (book-club-style) of the novel during the first full week of the year. *You will be assessed on your participation.* Notes are critical for this.

II. Second Book (choose title from previous page):

- Complete the two-column notes given to you at the end of the school year identifying the narrative story elements.
- This assignment is NOT to be completed for *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- If you don't have the two-column notes, visit www.auburn.k12.ma.us, click on 'Schools,' then 'Auburn Middle School.' The PDF will be posted on the main page for you to print out and complete the assignment.
- Review the scoring checklist and be sure to follow all directions.

The two-column notes must include the following requirements:

1. **Title and Author**: COMPLETE TITLE AND AUTHOR of book must be spelled and capitalized correctly.
2. **Genre**: SPECIFIC GENRE of book must be identified. (Refer to summer reading book list.) Student must provide a definition of that specific genre.
3. **Setting**: SETTING must include a description of WHERE and WHEN the book takes place. It is acceptable to identify the time period as "present day" if it is not specified in the book.
*Please note: The city on the copyright page (where the book was published) is NOT the setting.
4. **Character**: CHARACTERS should include the MAIN CHARACTER(S) and the names of OTHER CHARACTERS. The main character may be the one who tells the story. A main character should be featured the most throughout the book. Characters who do not appear throughout the book should be listed as other characters.

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5. **Conflict**: CONFLICT is a description of the main problem experienced by the main character throughout this book. This should be written in complete sentences. The conflict is not one specific event in the book. The conflict is the main character's struggle throughout the whole story.
6. **Resolution**: RESOLUTION is a description of how the conflict (problem) of the main character is resolved (solved). The resolution is the outcome of the story, so it is possible that the conflict remains unresolved. You should describe the ending of the story in your book.
7. **Summary**: Write a short SUMMARY of the book in your own words. Summarizing the story means retelling the most important parts of the story while leaving out most details.
*You must write the summary in your own words. Do NOT copy from the book cover or online.
8. **Quote**: FAVORITE QUOTE should be copied directly from the book with quotation marks around it. The page number should be included. Write an explanation of why you chose this quote.
9. **Conventions**: There should be no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.