

Grade 7 Summer Reading

English Department 2021

All students entering Grade 7 in 2021 are required to read at least one novel in the summer months. Of course, everyone is encouraged to read many books over the summer break as reading is a wonderful activity. However, you are required to read one of the six books listed below. The six books are: *Red Wolf* by Jennifer Dance, *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin, *Doll Bones* by Holly Black, *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card, *I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika L. Sanchez, and *Fever 1793* by Halse Anderson. You should choose the book that appeals to you the most.

You may wish to purchase this book or check it out from the public library. There are also electronic and audio versions that are accessible via SORA. Alternatively, you may speak to Ms. Roy who has many copies of each book available to borrow over the summer.

Please discuss your choice with your parents prior to reading your novel.

When you return in August, you will be given an assignment based on the book you have chosen. You will be given class time to complete this assignment.

The 'thumbnail' book descriptions that follow have been excerpted from amazon.ca

Red Wolf

Life is changing for Canada's Anishnaabe Nation and for the wolf packs that share their territory.

In the late 1800s, both Native people and wolves are being forced from the land. Starving and lonely, an orphaned timber wolf is befriended by a boy named Red Wolf. But under the Indian Act, Red Wolf is forced to attend a residential school far from the life he knows, and the wolf is alone once more. Courage, love and fate reunite the pair, and they embark on a perilous journey home. But with winter closing in, will Red Wolf and Crooked Ear survive? And if they do, what will they find?

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team

A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story for middle grade readers about how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team, from *New York Times* bestselling author and Newbery Award recipient Steve Sheinkin.

"Sheinkin has made a career of finding extraordinary stories in American history." — *The New York Times Book Review*

**A *Boston Globe-Horn Book* Nonfiction Honor Book
A *New York Times* Notable Children's Book**

A Washington Post Best Book

Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team is an astonishing underdog sports story—and more. It's an unflinching look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of Native Americans and the school that was designed to erase Indian cultures. Expertly told by three-time National Book Award finalist Steve Sheinkin, it's the story of a group of young men who came together at that school, the overwhelming obstacles they faced both on and off the field, and their absolute refusal to accept defeat.

Jim Thorpe: Super athlete, Olympic gold medalist, Native American
Pop Warner: Indomitable coach, football mastermind, Ivy League grad

Before these men became legends, they met in 1907 at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, where they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. Called "the team that invented football," they took on the best opponents of their day, defeating much more privileged schools such as Harvard and the Army in a series of breathtakingly close calls, genius plays, and bone-crushing hard work.

This thoroughly-researched and documented book can be worked into multiple aspects of the common core curriculum.

Doll Bones

Discover the Newbery Honor winner *Doll Bones*, from Holly Black, the cocreator of the Spiderwick Chronicles. A *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book. A *School Library Journal* Best Book. A *Booklist* Editor's Choice Books for Youth. A *Publishers Weekly* Best Children's Book. A NYPL "100 Titles for Reading and Sharing." A *People Magazine* "Best New Kids Book." Six starred reviews!

Zach, Poppy, and Alice have been friends forever. And for almost as long, they've been playing one continuous, ever-changing game of pirates and thieves, mermaids and warriors. Ruling over all is the Great Queen, a bone-china doll cursing those who displease her.

But they are in middle school now. Zach's father pushes him to give up make-believe, and Zach quits the game. Their friendship might be over, until Poppy declares she's been having dreams about the Queen—and the ghost of a girl who will not rest until the bone-china doll is buried in her empty grave.

Zach and Alice and Poppy set off on one last adventure to lay the Queen's ghost to rest. But nothing goes according to plan, and as their adventure turns into an epic journey, creepy things begin to happen. Is the doll just a doll or something more sinister? And if there really is a ghost, will it let them go now that it has them in its clutches?

Doll Bones is a winner of the Newbery Honor, is the recipient of six starred reviews, was on five Best Book lists, and was called "perfect" by *The New York Times*.

Ender's Game

Once again, Earth is under attack. An alien species is poised for a final assault. The survival of humanity depends on a military genius who can defeat the aliens. But who?

Ender Wiggin. Brilliant. Ruthless. Cunning. A tactical and strategic master. And a child.

Recruited for military training by the world government, Ender's childhood ends the moment he enters his new home: Battle School. Among the elite recruits Ender proves himself to be a genius among geniuses. He excels in simulated war games. But is the pressure and loneliness taking its toll on Ender? Simulations are one thing. How will Ender perform in real combat conditions? After all, Battle School is just a game. Isn't it?

I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter

National Book Award Finalist!

Instant *New York Times* Bestseller!

***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* meets *Jane the Virgin* in this poignant but often laugh-out-loud funny contemporary YA about losing a sister and finding yourself amid the pressures, expectations, and stereotypes of growing up in a Mexican American home.**

Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college. And they do not move out of their parents' house after high school graduation. Perfect Mexican daughters never *abandon* their family.

But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role.

Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. And no one seems to acknowledge that Julia is broken, too. Instead, her mother seems to channel her grief into pointing out *every possible way* Julia has failed.

But it's not long before Julia discovers that Olga might not have been as perfect as everyone thought. With the help of her best friend, Lorena, and her first love (first everything), Connor, Julia is determined to find out. Was Olga really what she seemed? Or was there more to her sister's story? And either way, how can Julia even attempt to live up to a seemingly impossible ideal?

Fever 1793

An epidemic of fever sweeps through the streets of 1793 Philadelphia in this novel from Laurie Halse Anderson where "the plot rages like the epidemic itself" (*The New York Times Book Review*).

During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out.

Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.