

## Summer Reading 2021 ~ Thurston Middle School

All TMS students will be required to read 2 books this summer.

The first book will be central to classwork and class community for the start of the year.

- Rising 6th: *Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood
- Rising 7th: *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- Rising 8th: *Nowhere Boy* by Katherine Marsh

The second book will be from a list of grade-specific options (below). Inspired by Gene Luen Yang's [Reading Without Walls Challenge](#), the second book invites students to broaden their understanding of the world by reading books about one of the following:

- a **character** who doesn't look like them or live like them
- a **topic** they don't know much about
- a **format** they don't typically read for fun

	Choose <u>one</u> .	Addendum(s)
<b>Rising 6th grade</b>	<i>The Only Black Girls in Town</i> by Brandy Colbert <i>Class Act</i> by Jerry Craft <i>Listen, Slowly</i> by Thanhha Lai <i>Pippa Park Raises her Game</i> by Erin Yun <i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds <i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i> by Kwame Mbalia <i>A Good Kind of Trouble</i> by Lisa Moore Ramee <i>Amari and the Night Brothers</i> by BB Alston <i>The First Rule of Punk</i> by Ceclia C. Perez <i>For Black Girls Like Me</i> by Mariama Lockington	<a href="#">6th Grade IR Cover Letter</a>
<b>Rising 7th grade</b>	<i>Booked</i> by Kwame Alexander <i>Clap When You Land</i> by Elizabeth Acevedo <i>Audacity</i> by Melanie Crowder <i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds <i>Before the Ever After</i> by Jacqueline Woodson <i>Redwood &amp; Ponytail</i> by K.A. Holt <i>A Time to Dance</i> by Padma Venkatraman	
<b>Rising 8th grade</b>	<i>Internment</i> by Samira Ahmed <i>Slay</i> by Brittney Morris <i>Miles Morales: Spider-Man</i> by Jason Reynolds <i>Genesis Begins Again</i> by Alicia D. Williams <i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds	<a href="#">8th Grade Summer Reading Flyer</a>

Students are expected to come to the first day of school with

- (1) A copy of **one** of these books
  - (a) Rising 6th: *Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood
  - (b) Rising 7th: *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
  - (c) Rising 8th: *Nowhere Boy* by Katherine Marsh
- (2) A completed [summer reading study guide](#), including parent signature (hard copy preferred)

