

ESMS INCOMING 7th GRADE SUMMER READING 2020

All incoming 7th graders are encouraged to read 2 books before the 1st day of school. During the last 2 weeks of September, students will be completing assignments based on their choice of book. The summer readings are to encourage reading and help students get a jump on the fall assignments. ESMS staff recommend 1 Fiction and 1 Nonfiction book. They have already been paired appropriately below.

All students are strongly encouraged to write a brief summary for each chapter (2 - 3 sentences each). This will help the students to remember what they read.

Nonfiction		Fiction
<p><i>The Lost Garden</i> by Lawrence Yep</p> <p>Young Lawrence didn't really know where he fit in. He thought of himself as American, especially since he didn't speak Chinese and couldn't understand his grandmother, who lived in Chinatown. But others saw him as different in the conformist America of the 1950s.</p> <p><i>Memoir, Chinese Americans, Customs, Writing, San Francisco</i></p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>Dragonwings</i> by Lawrence Yep</p> <p>Moon Shadow is eight years old when he sails from China to join his father, Windrider, in America. Windrider lives in San Francisco and makes his living doing laundry. Father and son have never met.</p> <p><i>Asian Americans, Historical Fiction, Fathers & Sons</i></p>
Nonfiction		Fiction
<p><i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: the inspiring true story of the Mighty Mites who ruled Texas Football</i> by Jim Dent</p> <p>Presents the true story of coach Rusty Russell and how he molded a group of orphans from the Masonic Home in Fort Worth, Texas, into one of the toughest high school football teams in the state.</p> <p><i>Football, High School, Texas</i></p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>Dairy Queen</i> by Catherine Gilbert Murdock</p> <p>After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.</p> <p>After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.</p> <p><i>Football, Farm life</i></p>

Nonfiction		Fiction
<p><i>No Summit Out of Sight: The true story of the youngest person to climb the seven summits</i> by Jordan Romeo</p> <p>On May 22, 2010, at the age of thirteen, American teenager Jordan Romero became the youngest person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. At fifteen, he became the youngest person to reach the summits of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents.</p> <p><i>Determination, Memoir, Mountaineering</i></p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>Peak</i> by Rosaland Smith</p> <p>After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: either away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. <i>Big</i> strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best.</p> <p><i>Cultural Heritage, Survival, mountaineering</i></p>
Nonfiction		Fiction
<p><i>Little Monsters: The Creatures That Live On Us and In Us</i> by Albert Marrin</p> <p>From fleas, ticks, lice, and bedbugs to worms, mites, leeches, and maggots, Marrin explains what parasites are, how they invade our bodies, and their effects for good or ill. At their best, parasites have saved limbs and lives; at their worst, they've been responsible for the deaths of billions of people and altered the course of human history.</p> <p><i>Parasites</i></p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>The Plague</i> by Joanne Dahme</p> <p>Fifteen-year-old Nell is rescued from her impoverish life with her family in London due to her resemblance to King Edward the Third's daughter, Princess Joan, but when the plague takes the life of Joan, Nell is forced by Joan's brother to take on the princess's identity full-time.</p> <p>the Third's daughter, Princess Joan, but when the plague takes the life of Joan, Nell is forced by Joan's brother to take on the princess's identity full-time.</p> <p><i>Black Death, Middle Ages, Historical Fiction, England</i></p>
Nonfiction		Fiction
<p><i>Visit Sunny Chernobyl: and other adventures in the world's most polluted places</i> by Andrew Blackwell</p> <p>For most of us, traveling means visiting the most beautiful places on Earth—Paris, the Taj Mahal, the Grand Canyon. It's rare to book a</p>	<p><i>Paired with...</i></p>	<p><i>My Chemical Mountain</i> by Corina Vacco</p> <p>The summer before they begin high school, best friends Jason, Charlie, and Cornpop go after the chemical plant that has been polluting their town, one seeking revenge for his father's death and the others mainly</p>

<p>plane ticket to visit the lifeless moonscape of Canada's oil sand strip mines, or to seek out the Chinese city of Linfen, legendary as the most polluted in the world. Andrew Blackwell describes his travels to the most polluted places in the world. <i>Tourist Trade, Environment, Pollution</i></p>		<p>for the thrill of it.</p> <p><i>Environmental Protection, Pollution, Vigilantes, Death and Dying</i></p>
<p>Nonfiction</p>		<p>Fiction</p>
<p>Surviving the Angel of Death: The Story of a Mengele Twin in Auschwitz by Eva Mozes</p> <p>Eva Mozes Kor was 10 years old when she arrived in Auschwitz. While her parents and two older sisters were taken to the gas chambers, she and her twin, Miriam, were herded into the care of the man known as the Angel of Death, Dr. Josef Mengele.</p> <p><i>Death and Dying, Discrimination, Holocaust</i></p>	<p>Paired with...</p>	<p>Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz</p> <p>As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner -- his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087.</p> <p>Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner -- his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087.</p> <p>He is forced from one nightmarish concentration camp to another, as World War II rages all around him. He encounters evil he could have never imagined, but also sees surprising glimpses of hope amid the horror. He just barely escapes death, only to confront it again seconds later.</p> <p><i>Historical Fiction, Holocaust, Survival</i></p>
<p>Nonfiction</p>		<p>Fiction</p>
<p>A Child Called It: One Child's Courage to Survive by Dave Pelzer</p> <p>This book chronicles the unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother: a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable</p>	<p>Paired with...</p>	<p>Bruiser by Neal Shusterman</p> <p>Tennyson is not surprised, really, when his family begins to fall apart, or when his twin sister, Brontë, starts dating the misunderstood bully, Brewster (or The Bruiser, as the entire high school calls him). Tennyson is determined to get to the bottom of The Bruiser's reputation, even if it means gearing up for a fight. Brontë, on the</p>

<p>games--games that left him nearly dead. He had to learn how to play his mother's games in order to survive because she no longer considered him a son, but a slave; and no longer a boy, but an "it." <i>Child abuse, foster care, alcoholics, social services</i></p> <p>ADVISORY: Addresses and depicts child abuse, alcoholism and contains some vulgar language</p>		<p>other hand, thinks there's something special underneath that tough exterior. And she's right...but neither she nor Tennyson is prepared for the truth of what lies below the surface.</p> <p><i>Child abuse, supernatural, science fiction, twins, family problems, friendship</i></p>
---	--	---