



## 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTERING GRADE: 6      7      8 (CIRCLE ONE)

TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

- Students entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades are encouraged to read **1 book** over the summer. **Choose any book you'd like!!** There are suggestions on the back of this sheet.
- Graphic Novels are allowed.
- Choose one project to complete after you finish reading your book.
- **Students should keep all work in a google doc/file labeled with their name, grade and Summer Reading to share with their teacher in September.**
- If you're reading on GetEpic, here are some instructions [GetEpic instructions](#)
- **All students who complete the summer reading and submit it to their English teacher during the first 2 weeks of school will earn an invitation to the Summer Reading Celebration!!!**

**Suggestions are on the back.**

**Book Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project choices:

- Create a comic strip about your book. Comic strips must include at least 8 frames and include descriptions or dialogue.
- Create a Google Slide presentation about your book. The Google Slides must include important details about the book, including a summary as well as visuals that go along with your book. (At least 3 slides)
- Change the ending: choose one character and write an alternate ending to the story. Written response must be at least 1 page.
- Sequence Chart Google Slideshow: Create a sequence of the major events that took place (at least 8 events/slides). Be creative and use visuals as well as story details.
- Create a Google Slideshow summarizing the events of the book. (At least 2 slides)

**SUGGESTIONS** FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL READING  
Choose any book you'd like. These are suggestions only.

*The Runaway Twin* by Peg Kehret

Thirteen-year-old Sunny runs away from her current foster parent in search of her twin sister, from whom she was separated ten years earlier. On the way, she'll face a tornado, bullies, and a stray dog- and the fact that her sister may not be who Sunny hoped she would be.

*How to Stage a Catastrophe* by Rebecca Donnelly: Sidney Camazzola plans to be the director of the Juicebox Theater when he grows up. But the theater is in danger of closing, and he and his friends know they need a plan to save it – and fast. Hilarious and heartwarming, the mission to save a failing community theater unites a riotous cast of characters in this offbeat middle-grade novel.”

*Almost Paradise* by Corabel Shofner “Twelve-year-old Ruby Clyde Henderson’s life changes the day her mother’s boyfriend holds up a convenience store, and her mother is wrongly jailed for assisting with the crime. Ruby and her pet pig, Bunny, find their way to her estranged Aunt Eleanor’s home. Aunt Eleanor is an ornery nun who lives in the midst of a peach orchard on Paradise Ranch. With a little patience, she and Ruby begin to get along, but Eleanor has secrets of her own—secrets that might mean more hard times for Ruby.”

*Braced* by Alyson Gerber \*: “Rachel Brooks is excited for the new school year. She’s finally earned a place as a forward on her soccer team. After one last appointment with her scoliosis doctor, this will be her best year yet. Then the doctor delivers some terrible news: The sideways curve in Rachel’s spine has gotten worse, and she needs to wear a back brace twenty-three hours a day. The brace wraps her in hard plastic from shoulder blades to hips. It changes how her clothes fit, how she kicks a ball, and how everyone sees her—even her friends and Tate. But as Rachel confronts all the challenges the brace presents, the biggest change of all may lie in how she sees herself.”

*Flying Lessons and Other Stories* edited by Ellen Oh: “In a partnership with We Need Diverse Books, industry giants Kwame Alexander, Soman Chainani, Matt de la Peña, Tim Federle, Grace Lin, Meg Medina, Walter Dean Myers, Tim Tingle, and Jacqueline Woodson join newcomer Kelly J. Baptist in a story collection that is as humorous as it is heartfelt. This impressive group of authors has earned among them every major award in children’s publishing and popularity as *New York Times* bestsellers. From these distinguished authors come ten distinct and vibrant stories.”