

Everglades K-8 Center Summer 2019
Reading and Language Arts
Suggested Reading for Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade



Summer Reading:

Students entering grade 6, 7, and 8 for the 2019-2020 school year are being recommended to read a novel from selected grade-level stories. Students will have the choice to select one of the two novels selected per grade level.

The selected books are age and grade level appropriate. The books touch on the middle school themes of friendship, acceptance, change, family values, and goal setting.

Summer Reading provides us the time for continual learning opportunities and provides the opportunity to reduce any loss of reading skills over the summer break.

Students will participate in book talks, literature circles, small group discussions, and reflection activities when they return to school.

Enjoy, relax, and enjoy a good book. Students are encouraged not to read only one recommended book, but continue to read books all summer, until the return of school.

The ISBN provided is the suggested ISBN, it may vary due to year of publication, hard or soft cover, or point of purchase, or e-book. Books are available, in your local library, book store, on-line, and in a digital format for e-readers and tablets

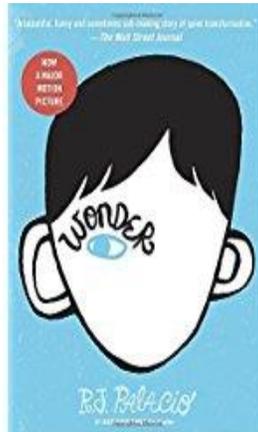
Please see the school's website for additional information.

See grade level recommended novels on the following pages.

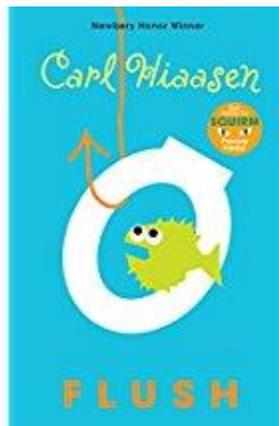
6th Grade.

Novel Selection:

Title	Author	Genre	ISBN*
Wonder	R.J. Palacio	Fiction, self-importance	978-0-375-86902-0
Flush	Carl Hiaasen	Fiction, environment	978-0-375-86125-3



In the story **Wonder**, August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a severe facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, Auggie wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past his extraordinary face. Wonder begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include the perspectives of his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These voices converge to portray a community as it struggles with differences, and challenges readers, both young and old, to wonder about the true nature of empathy, compassion, acceptance, friendship, and—ultimately—kindness. Auggie is a hero for the ages, one who proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

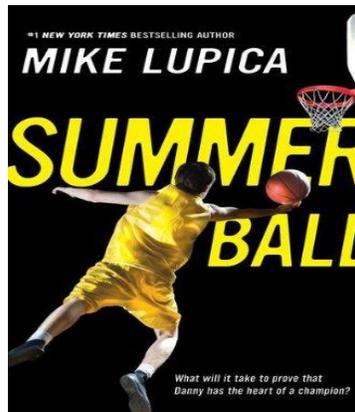


In the novel **Flush**, Noah's dad is sure that the owner of the Coral Queen casino boat is **flushing** raw sewage into the harbor—which has made taking a dip at the local beach like swimming in a toilet. He can't prove it though, and so he decides that sinking the boat will make an effective statement.

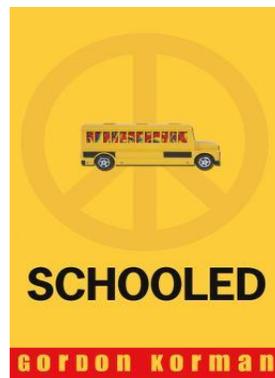
7th Grade

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Title	Author	Genre	ISBN*
Summer Ball	Mike Lupica	Fiction, sportsmanship	978-0-399-24487-2
Schooled	Gordan Korman	Humorous Fiction	978-1-42310-516-9



Summer Ball by Mike Lupica is a coming of age novel of particular interest to young boys. It follows 13-year-old Danny Walker as he attends an elite **summer** basketball camp in the hope of finding out whether his lack of height will prevent him from being able to play against bigger and stronger players.

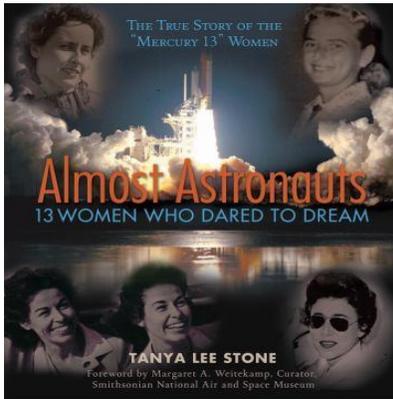


In **Schooled**, Capricorn Anderson has never watched television. He's never tasted pizza. Never heard of a wedgie. Since he was a little boy, his only experience has been living on a farm commune and being home-schooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. But when Rain is unexpectedly hospitalized, Cap has to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. He knows a lot about the Beatles, tie-dying, and Zen Buddhism, nothing could prepare him for the dog-eat-dog world of C Average Middle School.

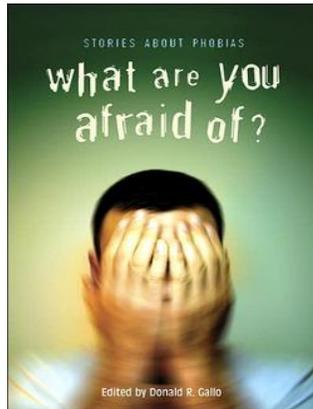
8th Grade

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Title	Author	Genre	ISBN*
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream	Tonya Lee Stone	Biography	978-0-7636-4502
What Are You Afraid Of? Stories About Phobias.	Donald Gallo	Nonfiction	978-0-7636-2654-9



Girls can do anything boys can do, including be astronauts. But unfortunately, they had to fight to prove it. In *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*, author Tanya Lee Stone tells the story of the short-lived **Lovelace Woman in Space program**, an early 1960s NASA project that tested female pilots for astronaut fitness. The story focuses on the 13 women who successfully completed these tests, called the 'Mercury 13'. Along the way, Stone highlights the impact that these 13 women made on paving the way for women pilots and astronauts. The story of the 'Mercury 13' women is nothing less than inspiring.



The book, *What Are You Afraid Of?*, explores phobias. Everyone is afraid of something. But for those who have phobias, that fear is exaggerated and their reactions are extreme: the heart races, sweat beads up on skin, the eyes narrow, and the throat tightens. The ten stories in this fascinating anthology all present people with debilitating anxiety — from Alex Flinn's gripping psychological portrait of a teen with agoraphobia to David Lubar's humorous tale of a boy faced with dread incarnate in the form of his girlfriend's cat. Whether the trigger is clowns, knives, string, or crossing the street, the characters in these riveting stories confront, are confronted by, and, in some cases, ultimately succeed in overcoming their worst fears.