

# General & ADV Curriculum

## 6TH GRADE

**Schooled** by Gordon Korman

Capricorn Cap Anderson has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. When Rain is injured in a fall, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school. Although he knows a lot about Zen Buddhism, nothing has prepared him for the politics of public school. *Taken from amazon.com*



## 7TH GRADE

**The Thing About Jellyfish** by Ali Benjamin

Everyone says that it was an accident... that sometimes things "just happen". But Suzy won't believe it. Ever. After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy was a rare jellyfish sting. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory--even if it means traveling the globe, alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe...and the potential for love and hope right next door. *Taken from amazon.com*

## 8TH GRADE

**Sleeping Freshman Never Lie** by David Lubar

Starting high school is never easy. Seniors take your lunch money. Girls you've known forever are suddenly beautiful and unattainable. And you can never get enough sleep. Could there be a worse time for Scott's mother to announce she's pregnant? Scott decides high school would be a lot less overwhelming if it came with a survival manual, so he begins to write down tips for his new sibling. Meanwhile, he's trying his best to capture the attention of Julia, the freshman goddess. In the process, Scott manages to become involved in nearly everything the school has to offer. So while he tries to find his place in the confusing world of high school, win Julia's heart, and keep his sanity, Scott will be recording all the details for his sibling's—and your—enjoyment. *Taken from amazon.com*

# Assignment

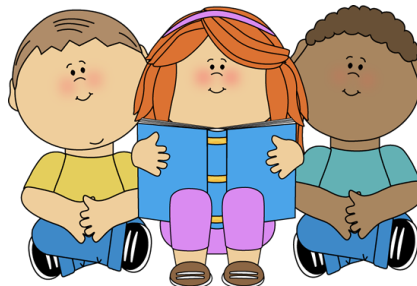
1. Read the book from your assigned grade level (your grade for the 2018-2019 school year).
2. While reading, keep a journal of your thoughts, predictions, visualizations, questions and connections. Make at least 10 entries in the following format:

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3. After reading, choose ONE of the following assignments to complete:

- Write a one minute radio advertisement persuading the public why they should buy and read this book.
- Write a one-page letter to the author. Include why you enjoyed the book and at least two questions about the book or her writing style.
- Create a movie poster for the book. Include a catchy slogan, an illustration that captures the main message of the book, and who would be playing the main characters.

4. Turn in your JOURNAL and your ASSIGNMENT to your Language Arts teacher on **MONDAY, August 20th, 2018**. It will be counted as your first test grade(s), so please make sure it is **COMPLETE and ON TIME!**



# FMS SUMMER READING 2018-2019

**Books can be found at the Public Library, Barnes and Noble, and amazon.com!**

**Parents: we encourage you to pre-read your student's selections.**



If your student is entering Grades 6, 7, or 8 in the IB Prep Magnet Program at Fairview Middle School, please visit the IB Prep Website for the Summer Reading assignments. For questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Mayer ([mayer@leonschools.net](mailto:mayer@leonschools.net))

Per School Board Policy 2240, Leon County Schools recognizes that certain instructional materials may conflict with a student's or parent's value system. In such cases, a parent may request in writing an alternative summer reading assignment. Please direct inquiries to Mrs. Mayer (magnet) or Mrs. Pickett (non-magnet).