

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

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become. *Taken from amazon.com*

8TH GRADE

The Reader, by Tracy Chee

Sefia knows what it means to survive. After her father is brutally murdered, she flees into the wilderness with her aunt Nin, who teaches her to hunt, track, and steal. But when Nin is kidnapped, leaving Sefia completely alone, none of her survival skills can help her discover where Nin's been taken, or if she's even alive. The only clue to both her aunt's disappearance and her father's murder is the odd rectangular object her father left behind, an object she comes to realize is a book—a marvelous item unheard of in her otherwise illiterate society. With the help of this book, and the aid of a mysterious stranger with dark secrets of his own, Sefia sets out to rescue her aunt and find out what really happened the day her father was killed—and punish the people responsible. *Taken from penguinrandomhouse.com*

Assignment

1. **Read the book from your assigned grade level (your grade for the 2021-2022 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:**

DATE	PAGE #	NOTES
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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 August 20, 2021. It will be counted as your first test grade(s), so please make sure it is COMPLETE and ON TIME!**



FMS SUMMER READING 2021-2022

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 or Mr. Cameron.

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 (mayere@leonschools.net).