

2015 Summer Reading List for Incoming 7th Graders

As part of the Lake Local School District mission to create lifelong learners, Lake Middle School is encouraging all students to read this summer.

We are asking that you read ONE book from the following list that you have **not read before**. **Bring your summary and illustration to share on August 21, 2015.**

NOTE: A Lexile text measure is based on two strong predictors of how difficult a text is to comprehend: word frequency and sentence length. Many other factors affect the relationship between a reader and a book, including its content, the age and interests of the reader, and the design of the actual book.

***Heart of a Champion* - by Carl Deuker** **AR level 4.2** **650 Lexile**

Seth faces a strain on his friendship with Jimmy, who is both a baseball champion and something of an irresponsible fool, when Jimmy is kicked off the team.

***Cages* - by Peg Kehret** **AR level 4.5** **680 Lexile**

After losing an acting role and fighting with her alcoholic stepfather, Kit is arrested for shoplifting and ordered to work, as part of her sentence, at an animal shelter.

***Among the Hidden* - by Margaret Peterson Haddix** **AR level 4.8** **800 Lexile**

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

*Summaries are taken from <http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx>

These books are available at the Stark County District Library, most public libraries, or can be purchased at most bookstores.

We are looking forward to an engaging and exciting school year. Sharpen your brain and read this summer. Remember that readers are leaders!

Student Name: _____

Book Title: _____ Author: _____

Directions: Please complete **all three of the assignments below for your summer reading book.**

1. After reading the book, write a 10-15 sentence original **summary** of the book in your neatest handwriting, or you may type it in a legible 12 point font. Include the beginning, middle, and end of the book. Also include the title, main characters names, the setting, and main problem. Please use correct capitalization, spelling, and punctuation.
2. Then choose a scene from the book that is favorite or is important to the book and **illustrate** it on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of unlined paper. (printer paper would be best) It should reflect any details mentioned in the novel, be neatly drawn, and neatly colored as it will be our first student work displayed in the classroom. Don't worry if you aren't an artist, neither am I! Just do your best work. ☺
3. Across the bottom or top of your illustration write or type a **sentence caption** with correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation to describe the scene you have chosen to illustrate.