

<p>Summer Reading</p>	<p>MacArthur Middle School</p>	<p>2020</p>
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**BECOMING KAREEM : GROWING UP ON AND OFF THE COURT
KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR**

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, shares his life growing up in New York, becoming the basketball star he's known to be & getting involved in the world around him as an activist for social change.

GHOST BOYS • JEWELL PARKER RHODES

7th-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.

THE MIDWIFE'S APPRENTICE • KAREN CUSHMAN

In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.

NOWHERE BOY • KATHERINE MARSH

14-yr-old Ahmed, a Syrian refugee & 13-yr-old Max, an American boy, are bound by a secret & an adventure of a lifetime.

SONG FOR A WHALE • KELLY, LYNNE

Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.

**UNSINKABLE : FROM RUSSIAN ORPHAN TO PARALYMPIC
SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPION • JESSICA LONG**

Photo-illustrated autobiography of an extraordinary young woman who was born in Russia, adopted by an amazing family in Maryland, had both legs amputated below the knee due to a birth defect, and found her passion in swimming, who won 23 medals (13 gold) over a career that spanned 16 years and 4 Paralympic.

SPEECHLESS • ADAM P SCHMITT

As if being stuffed into last year's dress pants at his cousin's wake weren't uncomfortable enough, 13-yr-old Jimmy has just learned from his mother that he has to say a few words at the funeral the next day. Why him?

This is a suggestion list.

*Students are encouraged to **READ!**
The requirement for Summer Reading is to read at least one book; the goal is that students read several.*

Read about different perspectives and life experiences. Everyone has a story to tell, and in doing so, they show strength, passion, perseverance and hope.

EVENTOWN • COREY ANN HAYDU

The world has tilted for Elodee. She and her twin sister, Naomi, seem to be drifting apart. Then, her mom gets a new job in Eventown. Will moving fix everything?

A GOOD KIND OF TROUBLE

LISA MOORE RAMEE

13 yr-old Shayla realizes in jr.high, it's like all the rules have changed. Now she's suddenly questioning who her best friends are & some people at school are saying she's not black enough.

NEW KID • JERRY CRAFT

7th-grader Jordan loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school, his parents enroll him in a private academic school now he is one of the few kids of color. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his friends & staying true himself?

THE SKY AT OUR FEET • NADIA HASHIMI

Born in the US, Jason just learned that his Afghan mom has been living illegally in the US since his father was killed in Afghanistan. It's hard to feel American now when he's terrified that his mom will be deported & they will be separated.

Please note that some titles contain mature themes, content, or language.

Parents are encouraged to consult

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