### INCOMING 7TH GRADERS
SUGGESTED SUMMER READING 2018

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<td><strong>Becoming Kareem: Growing Up on and Off the Court</strong></td>
<td>Kareem Abdul-Jabbar</td>
<td>NONFICTION, AUTOBIOGRAPHY, SPORTS</td>
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<td>An autobiography about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and his life growing up in New York, becoming a basketball star, and getting involved in the world around him as an activist for social change.</td>
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<td><strong>Famous Last Words</strong></td>
<td>Katie Alender</td>
<td>HORROR, MYSTERY</td>
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<td>Willa has just moved to California with her mother and film director stepfather, and she will be attending a private school—but her real problem is that she keeps seeing things that are not really there, like a dead body in the swimming pool, and her visions may be connected to a serial killer that is stalking young girls in Hollywood.</td>
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<td><strong>Posted</strong></td>
<td>John David Anderson</td>
<td>REALISTIC</td>
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<td>When cell phones are banned at their school, students start communicating through sticky notes left all over the school, triggering a wave of bullying activities in the wake of a new girl’s arrival.</td>
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<td><strong>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</strong></td>
<td>Dusti Bowling</td>
<td>REALISTIC, HUMOR</td>
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<td>Having been born without arms presents many challenges for Aden when she goes to live at a dying western theme park in Arizona.</td>
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The Wrong Train
Jeremy de Quidt - HORROR
Imagine you get on the wrong train. You’d be annoyed, but not scared ... Yet. Imagine you get off the wrong train at the next station and the station is empty. Again you’d be annoyed, but not scared ... Yet. Imagine someone comes to the station, someone who starts to tell you stories to help you pass the time, but these aren’t any old stories ... Scared yet? You will be.
NOTES:

Star-Crossed
Barbara Dee - REALISTIC
When Mattie is cast as Romeo in an eighth-grade play, she is confused to find herself increasingly attracted to Gemma, a new classmate who is playing Juliet.
NOTES:

Last Day on Mars
Kevin Emerson - SCIENCE FICTION, SURVIVAL, MYSTERY
While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the races trying to survive in space.
NOTES:

Unstoppable: True Stories of Amazing Bionic Animals
Nancy Furstinger - REALISTIC, ADVENTURE, HUMOR
From the high-tech science of 3D printing, to inflatables, to toy wheels, these amazing animals are both benefiting from and pioneering in the world of prosthetic science.
NOTES:

Projekt 1065
Alan Gratz - HISTORICAL FICTION, ADVENTURE, SURVIVAL
In 1943, Michael, son of an Irish spy for the British Secret Service in Berlin, must join the Hitler Youth, avoid violence, and steal Nazi plans for a dangerous airplane called Projekt 1065.
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<td><strong>Mighty Jack</strong></td>
<td>Ben Hatke</td>
<td>GRAPHIC NOVEL, FAIRY TALE, ADVENTURE</td>
<td>Prompted by his sister, Jack trades his mom's car for a box of mysterious seeds, but soon their normal garden turns into a wild jungle filled with magical, and dangerous, creatures.</td>
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<td><strong>Slider</strong></td>
<td>Pete Hautman</td>
<td>REALISTIC FICTION, HUMOR</td>
<td>Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother.</td>
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<td><strong>Invisible Emmie</strong></td>
<td>Terri Libenson</td>
<td>HUMOR, REALISTIC</td>
<td>This is the story of two totally different girls--quiet, shy, artistic Emmie and popular, outgoing, athletic Katie--and how their lives unexpectedly intersect one day, when an embarrassing note falls into the wrong hands.</td>
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<td><strong>SYLO</strong></td>
<td>D.J. MacHale</td>
<td>SCIENCE FICTION, ACTION</td>
<td>When Tucker's island home is occupied by SYLO, a secret branch of the Navy, he sets out to uncover the truth behind their presence and the mysterious deaths occurring around town.</td>
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<td><strong>The Novice</strong></td>
<td>Taran Matharu</td>
<td>FANTASY</td>
<td>When Fletcher, a blacksmith's apprentice, learns he can summon demons, he travels with his demon to an academy for adepts where he is to train as a Battlemage in the Empire's war against the orcs, but he discovers that all is not as it seems.</td>
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**Artificial Intelligence: Building Smarter Machines**  
Stephanie Sammartino McPherson - NONFICTION, TECHNOLOGY  
Artificial intelligence promises to make our lives easier and better. Learn about the accelerated pace of technology as things that were once science fiction become science fact.  
**NOTES:**

**In the Shadow of the Sun**  
Anne Sibley O’Brien - SURVIVAL, ADVENTURE  
When their father is arrested on a tour of North Korea, Mia and her brother Simon are thrown into a deadly chase from government officials while protecting a series of photos that reveal North Korean atrocities against prisoners.  
**NOTES:**

**Geek Girl**  
Holly Smale - HUMOR  
When she is accidentally discovered by a modeling agent, fifteen-year-old Harriet jumps at the chance to transform herself from a geek to a fashion model.  
**NOTES:**

**Samurai Rising**  
Pamela S. Turner - NONFICTION, HISTORY  
This is the story of Minamoto Yoshitsune, the greatest samurai in Japanese history, who set out to avenge his family slain by an enemy clan. His daring feats and impossible bravery earned him immortality.  
**NOTES:**

**Game Seven**  
Paul Volponi - SPORTS FICTION, REALISTIC  
A sixteen-year-old shortstop in Cuba who dreams of playing with the pros must choose between his country and his father who defected to the U.S.  
**NOTES:**
Uglies
Scott Westerfeld - DYSTOPIAN, SCIENCE FICTION
Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally’s best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.

NOTES:

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