

7th Grade Summer Reading Requirements

Required Reading: Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

- Our first unit for the year will be based on this book. Students can expect a variety of activities and assessments based on the book.
- Although notes are not required, students may wish to take notes on main events and characters in each chapter (bullet format-no sentences) to further their understanding and comprehension.
- Pay particular attention to the characters' traits that are revealed through their actions, their words, what the other characters say about them, and what the author reveals to the reader.

Additional Required Reading

- Choose one other book from the following list. Students should be prepared to answer an open response question related to this "choice" book during the first weeks of school. This will be an in-class writing assignment. Although taking notes is not required, students may find it helpful.

Select **ONE** of the following:

The Wizard of Earthsea (or any of the series) by Ursula LeGuin (*fiction: fantasy*)

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis (*fiction: fantasy*)

The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien (*fiction: fantasy*)

Soldier's Heart by Gary Paulsen (*fiction: historical*)

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen (*fiction: historical*)

Lincoln: In His Own Words by Milton Meltzer (*informational: history, biography*)

The Friends by Rosa Guy (*fiction: realistic*)

Main Street: Welcome to Camden Falls by Ann M. Martin (*fiction: realistic*)

Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech (*fiction: realistic*)

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke (*fiction: realistic*)

Finding Miracles by Julia Alvarez (*fiction: realistic*)

A Long Way From Chicago by Richard Peck (*fiction: realistic*)

A Great and Terrible Beauty by Libby Bray (*fiction: realistic*)

The Mouse Rap – Walter Dean Myers (*fiction: realistic*)

Taking Sides – Gary Soto (*fiction: realistic*)

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin (*fiction: mystery*)

Dogs Don't Tell Jokes by Louis Sachar (*fiction: realistic, humorous*)

Foundation by Isaac Asimov (*science fiction*)