

# Summer of 2026

## Required Reading for Rising 7th-grade Students

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Choose ONE of the following books before the start of the 2026-2027 school year:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
<i>Mockingbird</i>	Kathryn Erskine
<i>The Skin I'm In</i>	Sharon Flake
<i>Swindle</i>	Gordan Korman
<i>Maniac McGee</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>Everything on a Waffle</i>	Polly Horvath
<i>Ranger's Apprentice: Ruins Of Gorlan</i>	John Flanagan

\*Students will be given a multiple-choice quiz within the first week of school to assess their understanding of the story.

Students will also use the book they have chosen as their mentor text throughout our first unit on plot and literary elements. It is important that students complete their reading **before** the first week of school.