# CASEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST 2019

## 5TH GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:

Liz Kessler Tom Angleberger Katherine Applegate Jeff Kinney Pseudonymous Bosch Gordon Korman Michael Buckley A.A. Milne Matt Christopher Sarah Mlynowski Andrew Clements Roald Dahl R. J. Palacio Cynthia DeFelice James Patterson Ridley Pearson Kate DiCamillo Mary Downing Hahn Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Kathleen Duey Rick Riordan Jack Gantos Louis Sachar Chris Grabenstein Brandon Sanderson Dan Gutman Brian Selznick Carl Hiaasen Lauren Tarshis Erin Hunter Sheila Turnage Sarah Weeks

## 6TH GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:

Dave Barry Derek Jeter Joan Bauer Kathryn Lasky Meg Cabot Trenton Lee Stewart Gail Carson Levine Lois Lowry Kiera Cass Mike Lupica Eoin Colfer Wendy Mass Suzanne Collins Lisa McMann Jean Craighead George Kirsten Miller Sharon Creech Kate O'Hearn Karen Cushman Christopher Paolini Chris D'Lacey Linda Sue Park Jeanne DuPrau Gary Paulsen John Flanagan Ridley Pearson Stuart Gibbs Margaret Peterson Haddix Tim Green J K Rowling Jennifer Holm Holly Goldberg Sloan James Howe Roland Smith

Erin Hunter

Rebecca Stead

Mark Walden

# Casey Middle School - 2019 7th, 8th, and 9R Summer Reading Assignments See your grade level below:

English 7 Author/Genre Study: Incoming seventh graders must choose one of the genres and authors below. If you see an author on the list whose work you enjoy, do not choose a novel you've already read. We expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on the Williamsville Central Schools website. The link is: www.williamsvillek12.org and then click on Casey Middle School.

English 8 Author/Genre Study: Incoming eighth graders must choose one of the genres and authors below. If you see an author on the list whose work you enjoy, do not choose a novel you've already read. We expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on the Williamsville Central Schools website. The link is: www.williamsvillek12.org and then click on Casey Middle School.

**English 9R:** See the next page for your assignment.

#### Incoming 7th and 8th graders:

#### Adventure

Joelle Charbonneau
Suzanne Collins
Sharon Creech
James Dashner
Anthony Horowitz
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Jennifer Neilsen
Veronica Roth

#### Science Fiction/Fantasy

Ally Condie
James Dashner
Catherine Fisher
Michael Grant
Pittacus Lore
James Patterson
Scott Westerfeld
Gabrielle Zevin

# Contemporary Realistic Fiction

Walter Dean Meyers
Sarah Dessen
Carl Deuker
Natasha Friend
Laurie Halse Anderson
Mike Lupica
Todd Strasser
Terry Trueman

# Historical Fiction

M.T. Anderson
Laurie Halse Anderson
Linda Sue Park
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Ruta Sepetys
Markus Zusak

# English 9R

Incoming eighth graders taking the advanced English course must read one of the memoirs listed below. If you see a book on the list that you've already read, we expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on the Williamsville Central Schools website. The link is: <a href="https://www.williamsvillek12.org">www.williamsvillek12.org</a> and then click on Casey Middle School.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride

\*First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers by Loung Ung

\*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer

<sup>\*</sup>Both these memoirs are available to be borrowed from Ms. Marmion. See her before you leave for the summer!

# Suggested Non-Fiction Titles for Middle School Students (5th - 8th Grade):

The following list contains suggested non-fiction titles for middle school students. Please keep in mind that parents are best to judge a book's suitability for their child.

Who Was...? Series - Biographies - various authors

What Was...? Series - Exploring places around the world - various authors

Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent - Thomas Allen

The Skull in the Rock – Marc Aronson

If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge – Marc Aronson

Terrible Typhoid Mary – Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Spies of the Mississippi – Rick Bowers

The Boys in the Boat - Adapted for Young Readers - Daniel James Brown

Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam and the Science of Ocean Motion – Loree Griffin Burns

Gettysburg: The Graphic Novel – C. M. Butzer

In the Shadow of Liberty - Kenneth C. Davis

Pure Grit – Mary Cronk Farrell

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science – John Fleischman

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster – Deborah Hopkinson

To Hope and Back – Kathy Kacer

The Making of America: Andrew Jackson – Teri Kanefield

Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter – Adeline Yen Mah

The Soul of an Octopus – Sy Montgomery

Ten Days a Mad Woman - Deborah Noyes

Lincoln's Last Days - Bill O'Reilly

Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem – Rosalyn Schanzer

The Notorious Benedict Arnold - Steve Sheinkin

Almost Astronauts - Tanya Lee Stone

Secrets of a Civil War Submarine – Sally Walker

Big Top Burning – Laura A. Woollett

I Am Malala – Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb