

Creech **STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 7**

Each student entering 7th grade is required to read a minimum of three books this summer, one from each group listed below. The goals of summer reading are to build background knowledge for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum and to continue literary enrichment. Practice good notetaking (annotations) as you read, so you will be prepared for discussion and assignments in September. See below for the lists and the assignments:

**A. Required Book – introduces the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies Curriculum**

*Chains*            Laurie Halse Anderson

**B. Choose one from the following list:**

*The Hobbit* - JRR Tolkien

*The Chronicles of Narnia* (any in that series), C.S. Lewis

*Anne of Green Gables*, Lucy Maud Montgomery

*Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott

*Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte

*The Call of the Wild*, Jack London

*Watership Down*, Richard Adams

*The Lightning Thief* (or any in that series), Rick Riordan

*Diary of a Young Girl*, Anne Frank

*The Devil's Arithmetic*, Jane Yolen

**Choose one from the following:**

*Forge*, Laurie Halse Anderson

*Ashes*, Laurie Halse Anderson

*Fever 1793*, Laurie Halse Anderson

*Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie*, Jordan Sonnenblick

*Assassin*, Anna Myers

*The One and Only Ivan*, Katherine Applegate

*The Shakespeare Stealer*, Gary Blackwood

*A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeline L'Engle

*So B It: a Novel*, Sarah Weeks

*A Single Shard*, Linda Sue Park

*Heartbeat*, Sharon Creech

*I Kill the Mockingbird*, Paul Acamporo

*Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson

*Rocket Boys*, Homer Hickman

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor

*Throw like a Girl*, Jenny Finch

*Pieces of Georgia; Kaleidoscope Eyes; or The Trial* - Jen Bryant

## Grade 7 Summer Reading Assignments

A. **Create an IMOVIE for book of your choosing:** Create a 3-5 minute iMovie about one of the books you read over the summer either the required texts or one of your choosing from the list. The iMovie should include the following:

- **Includes a summary of the novel (plot highlights but no spoilers, so avoid discussing the ending)**
- **Includes a recommendation/critique of the book, include reasons why others should or should not read the novel (with specific details about plot, characters, and/or theme)AND for whom it might be appropriate.**
- **Includes one of the following: a reenactment of a key scene or a book trailer to entice people to read the book.**
- **Uses creativity in the presentation**

B. **For your required reading books -**

Be prepared to collaboratively discuss the book. Discussion will include details about character growth, plot, and theme. Notes from your reading are necessary so you can be a full participant. An assessment may follow. Also, for each of the 3 books you read over the summer, fill out a reading response form found at this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHKIHMHz1BRWKrIa4DWDm6X8JOpjogQ4z\\_mrWRAHcpa8k9zQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHKIHMHz1BRWKrIa4DWDm6X8JOpjogQ4z_mrWRAHcpa8k9zQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)