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Suggested Summer Reading List

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Below you will find your child's 2020 Suggested Summer Reading List. We suggest your child read at least one of the novels from this list. They are encouraged to identify significant plot points, look for writing techniques, analyse characters, symbols, themes and ideas as they read, as well as enjoy the novel and embrace the love of reading. In order to help your child with his/her reading selection we have included a short synopsis of each of the novels.

We encourage students to order the novel online in keeping with the social distancing rules set forth by Santé Public, yet local book stores have the novels in stock. If ordering online please anticipate 2 to 3 weeks for novels to arrive, therefore do not wait until the end of summer to order. If you plan to purchase at a bookstore look into getting the books at the beginning of summer as it may take 2 to 3 weeks to receive books if they run out of stock.

Public libraries are also a good option to find the novels.

Please take note that this year your child will NOT have a Summer Reading Test, as this is a Suggested Reading List.

We hope you and your child have a restful summer and we look forward to starting the new school year in September.

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“Adventures with Waffles”

by: Maria Parr

Lena is Trille’s best friend, even if she is a girl. And there is never an ordinary day when you’ve got a best friend like Lena.

Hardly a day passes without Trille and Lena inventing some kind of adventure that often ends in trouble. Whether it’s coaxing a cow onto a boat or sledding down the steepest and iciest hill with a chicken, there is always a thrill—and sometimes an injury—to be had. Trille loves to share everything with Lena, even Auntie Granny’s waffles. But when Lena has to move away and Auntie Granny leaves the world, it sometimes seems like nothing will ever be right again. The warmth of friendship and the support of family suffuse this lightly illustrated novel, proving that when times are tough, a little taste of sweetness can make all the difference.

From:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/249479/adventures-with-waffles-by-maria-parr/>

“The Wednesday Wars”

by: Gary D. Schmidt

In this Newbery Honor-winning novel, Gary D. Schmidt offers an unforgettable antihero. *The Wednesday Wars* is a wonderfully witty and compelling story about a teenage boy’s mishaps and adventures over the course of the 1967–68 school year in Long Island, New York.

Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. Mrs. Baker doesn’t like Holling—he’s sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? But everyone has bigger things to worry about, like Vietnam. His father wants Holling and his sister to be on their best behavior: the success of his business depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with? A bully demanding cream puffs; angry rats; and a baseball hero signing autographs the very same night Holling has to appear in a play in yellow tights! As fate sneaks up on him again and again, Holling finds Motivation—the Big M—in the most unexpected places and musters up the courage to embrace his destiny, in spite of himself.

From: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/556136.The_Wednesday_Wars

