

June 2, 2026

Dear 7th Grade Students,

As part of your Summer Reading assignment, you are required to read two books before the start of the school year.

Required Reading

BOOK-*Firegirl* by Tony Abbott- PARENTAL DISCUSSION RECOMMENDED

Choose One Additional Book

- *Bud Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko
- *Heat* by Mike Lupica
- *Running Out of Time* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Forge* by Laurie Halse Anderson (sequel to *Chains*)
- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne
- *Small Steps* by Louis Sachar (Sequel to *Holes*)
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

[Annotation Requirements](#)-Use this document to help you!

You must annotate both books as you read. Use the attached document for assistance!

Assessment

During the first few weeks of school, you will complete two activities to demonstrate your understanding of the books. In addition, there will be a written test on *Firegirl*.

Important Note

If your selected book is part of a series and you have already read that book, you may choose to read the next book in the series instead.

Please use your summer wisely and come prepared for a strong start to 8th-grade Language Arts!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hirsch
7/8th Grade Language Arts