

**Entering 7th Grade (2020-2021)  
Middle School Language Arts Summer Reading**

**Required Reading:** You will read **two books** for summer reading before 7<sup>th</sup> grade. You will take an AR quiz on **each** book. If you write (by hand) one page of notes for each book, you are free to use those notes on the AR quizzes. You will write a paper for **each** of the books.

1. Read *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien.
  - a. Write an 800-1000 word paper. Evaluate the plot, the main characters, and events that take place in the book. Give your opinion of the book. Use quotes from the text (at least ten). Your paper should be written in paragraph form with an introduction and conclusion. Cite page numbers for your quotes. Make sure to check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Include a word count.
2. Read a book of your choice from the below list.
  - a. Write an 800-1000 word paper Evaluate the plot, the main characters, and events that take place in the book. Give your opinion of the book. Use quotes from the text (at least ten). Your paper should be written in paragraph form with an introduction and conclusion. Cite page numbers for your quotes. Check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Include a word count.

**Book list:**

*Animal Farm*, George Orwell  
*Coraline*, Neil Gaiman  
*Chains*, Laurie Halse Anderson  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Mark Haddon  
*Fever 1793*, Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Fish in a Tree*, Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
*Flush*, Carl Hiaasen  
*Freak the Mighty*, Rodman Philbrick  
*Loser*, Jerry Spinelli  
*Love and First Sight*, Josh Sundquist  
*Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Maniac Magee*, Jerry Spinelli  
*Prince Caspian*, C.S. Lewis  
*Space Station Seventh Grade*, Jerry Spinelli  
*Stargirl*, Jerry Spinelli  
*The Tequila Worm*, Viola Canales  
*Under the Mesquite*, Guadalupe Garcia McCall  
*The Valiant*, Lesley Livingston  
*The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, C.S. Lewis  
*Walk Two Moons*, Sharon Creech  
*The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin  
*Wringer*, Jerry Spinelli