

# SUMMER READING LIST



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## SEVENTH GRADE

### SCIENCE

#### ***Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park - Lexile 690***

Julia Song and her friend Patrick would love to win a blue ribbon at the state fair. Julia's mother offers a suggestion: They can raise silkworms, as she did when she was a girl in Korea. Patrick thinks it's a great idea. Of course there are obstacles—but nothing they can't handle. Julia isn't so sure.

### READING/ENGLISH

#### ***Schooled by Gordon Korman - Lexile 740***

Cap doesn't exactly fit in at Claverage Middle School. He has long, ungroomed hair, wears hemp clothes, and practices Tai Chi out on the lawn. This is great news for Zach Powers, big man on campus. He can't wait to instate the age-old tradition in C-Average School: The biggest nerd is nominated for class president--and wins. But as Cap begins to take on his duties, the joke starts to turn on Zach.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

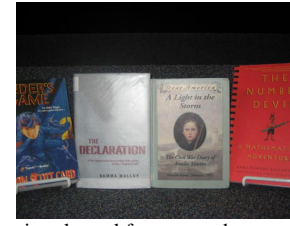
#### ***Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo - Lexile 730***

When young Iqbal is sold into slavery at a carpet factory, his arrival changes everything for the other overworked and abused children there. It is Iqbal who explains to them that despite their master's promises, he plans on keeping them as his slaves indefinitely. But it is also Iqbal who inspires the other children to look to a future free from toil...and is brave enough to show them how to get there.

### MATH

#### ***The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster - Lexile 1000***

When a mysterious tollbooth appears in his room, he drives through only because he's got nothing better to do. Milo visits the island of Conclusions (you get there by jumping), learns about time from a ticking watchdog named Tock, and goes up against the dastardly Discord and Dynne. By the time Milo and Tock set off toward the Mountains of Ignorance to rescue the twin Princesses, Rhyme and Reason, Milo realizes something astonishing. Life is far from dull. In fact, it's exciting beyond his wildest dreams...



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## EIGHTH GRADE

### SCIENCE

#### ***Ender's Game by Scott Card - Lexile 780***

Ender's parents have received a special dispensation to have a third child in spite of strict population control laws. The International Fleet (I.F.) believes that Ender may be the commander they need to lead great armies against invasion by alien "buggers." The centerpiece of their education is a simulated battle game at which Ender quickly excels, eventually becoming the youngest commander in history.

### READING/ENGLISH

#### ***The Declaration by Gemma Mailey - Lexile 930***

In the year 2140, it is illegal to be young. Children are all but extinct. The world is a better place. Longevity drugs are a fountain of youth. Sign the Declaration, agree not to have children and you too can live forever. Not everyone thinks Longevity is a good thing, but you better be clear what side you're on. . . . Surplus Anna is about to find out what happens when you can't decide if you should cheat the law or cheat death.

### HISTORY

#### ***A Light in the Storm by Karen Hesse - Lexile 850***

Amelia's own world is suddenly coming apart—the fighting escalates, putting her dear friend Daniel, a Union soldier, in great danger; her Uncle Edward's store is being boycotted and vandalized by Secessionist sympathizers because he is a known Abolitionist; and Mother's condition deteriorates, forcing her to move to Grandmother's house on the mainland. But before the year is through, Amelia will make a powerful discovery about her own views on slavery.

### MATH

#### ***The Number Devil by Hans Magnus Enzensberger - Lexile 580***

In twelve dreams, a twelve-year-old boy who hates math discovers the amazing world of numbers: infinite numbers, prime numbers, Fibonacci numbers, numbers that magically appear in triangles, and numbers that expand without end. As readers dream with him, they wind up marveling at what numbers can do.