

## EFR Summer Reading 2023 for Incoming 7th Grade Students

Research indicates that students who do not read and write over the summer face a loss in their literacy growth as they begin the new school year ([Dr. Megan Kuhfeld, NWEA](#)). At EFR, we encourage students to continue to read on a regular basis and to discover new authors and books over the summer break.

Students entering 7th grade for the 2023-2024 school year must read two choice AR books as part of EFR's Summer Reading Program. Choice AR books should be at an appropriate level and content based on the individual student. Graphic novels and books that are movies are not appropriate for this assignment. The accompanying list of books includes suggestions only. These titles are not required. Books are completely student/parent choice based on level and content. Upon completion of choice books, students are to take the accompanying AR test. AR assessments will be due by the end of the school day on Friday, September 15th. AR scores will become some of the first assessment scores for your child as a seventh grader. AR tests taken during the sixth grade school year will not count toward summer reading.

AR testing will continue to be allowed from home this summer, beginning June 15th. Once a student completes a book, s/he may take the AR test from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. To be sure a book has a corresponding AR test, students may check [arbookfind.com](#). There are two ways EFR'S AR program can be accessed:

1. Go directly to <https://global-zone50.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/13329>
2. Go to <https://fmuthschools.com/> under the Resources tab, Parent Resources, Accelerated Reader.

The User Name is the first letter of the student's first name and the first four letters of their last name. The password was created by the student; it is the same one used in sixth grade. If there are questions or issues while logging into AR at home, please contact FSD's technology department ([acalliotte@fmuthschools.com](mailto:acalliotte@fmuthschools.com)).

Frankenmuth Wickson Library will once again offer a summer reading program for middle school students (<https://www.wicksonlibrary.org/>). In addition to offering great programs and fabulous book choices, Wickson staff is happy to help students download OverDrive and/or Libby apps (free with a library card). Using these apps, students have access to download books from multiple libraries in Michigan as well as audiobooks. Call Wickson at (989) 652-8323 or stop in if you need assistance with a library card and/or the library apps.

As a community, our goal is to continue to support reading throughout the summer. We look forward to hearing about what you have read. Enjoy the summer, and happy reading!

Sincerely,  
7th Grade Reading Teachers

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## Book List Suggestions

### Historical Fiction

- o *Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- o *Salt to the Sea* or *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
- o *Dog Tags* series by A. Alexander London
- o *Vietnam* or *World War* series by Chris Lynch
- o *Al Capone Does My Shirts* series by Gennifer Choldenko
- o *A Night Divided* or *Lines of Courage* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- o *The Brooklyn Nine* by Alan Gratz
- o *Projekt 1065*, *Code of Honor*, *Prisoner B-3087*, *Allies*, *Resist*, *Ground Zero*, *Grenade*, or *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- o *The War that Saved My Life* or *The War I Finally Won* by Kimberley Bradley

### Science Fiction/Fantasy

- o *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements
- o *Masterminds* series by Gordon Korman
- o *The Hypnotists* series by Gordon Korman
- o *Michael Vey* series by Richard Paul Evans
- o *The Shadow Children (Among the Hidden)* series by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
\*\*If you read *Among the Hidden* with your sixth grade teacher, it doesn't double count for summer reading
- o *The Secret of Platform 13* by Eva Ibbotson
- o *Matched* trilogy by Ally Condie
- o *The Land of Stories* series by Chris Colfer

### Mythology

- o *The Heroes of Olympus* series by Rick Riordan
- o *The Kane Chronicles* by Rick Riordan
- o *The Night Tourist* or *The Twilight Prisoner* by Katherine Marsh
- o *The Goddess Test* series by Aimee Carter
- o *The Trials of Apollo* series by Rick Riordan
- o *Aru Shah and the End of Time: A Pandava Novel* series by Roshani Chokshi
- o *The Goddess Girls* series
- o *Pegasus* series by Kate O'Hearn

### Realistic Fiction

- o *Theodore Boone* series by John Grisham
- o *Shiloh* quartet by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- o *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- o *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
- o *The Distance between Us* by Kasie West
- o *Ghost* series by Jason Reynolds
- o *Challenger Deep* by Brendan Shusterman
- o *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- o *Alex Rider* series by Anthony Horowitz

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- o *Piecing me Together* by Renee Watson
- o *The Unteachables, Swindle, Slacker, Unplugged, Linked, Supergifted, Ungifted, Whatshisface, Restart, or Kidnapped* (series) by Gordon Korman
- o Books written by April Henry
- o Books written by Jennifer Niven
- o Books written by Joan Bauer
- o Books written by Mary Downing Hahn

### **Sports**

- o *42 Is Not Just a Number* by Doreen Rappaport
- o *No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits* by Jordan Romero (nonfiction)
- o *Michael Phelps: No Limits* by Alan Abrahamson (nonfiction)
- o *Grace, Gold and Glory: My Leap of Faith* by Gabrielle Douglas (nonfiction)
- o *The Peak or The Edge* by Roland Smith
- o *Baseball Genius* by Tim Green and Derek Jeter
- o Books written by authors Carl Deuker, Paul Valponi, John Feinstein, Tim Green, Mike Lupica, or Alexander Kwame (mostly fiction)

### **Nonfiction**

- o *Titanic Young Survivors* by Allan Zullo
- o *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- o *Out of the Blue* by Victor Cruz
- o *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka, Liz Welch, and Martin Ganda
- o *The Finest Hours* by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman
- o *Lost in the Pacific, 1942* or *Lost in Outer Space: The Incredible Journey of Apollo-13* by Tod Olson

\*\*see several nonfiction selections in the Sports section