



**Summer Reading - Grade 7
Stoneham Middle School
Stoneham, Massachusetts**

Welcome to seventh grade! We hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to meeting you in the fall. Students are required to read one book from the list below and complete note cards using the guidelines on the other side of this page.

We have chosen novels by contemporary writers of young adult literature whose works reflect literary quality, readability, and appeal.

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

Bryce Loski has disliked Julie Baker ever since the day Julie invaded the moving van when he and his father were unpacking. But Julie fell in love with Bryce the first moment she saw him. This comedy is told by both of these funny eighth grade characters in alternating chapters as they begin to figure out who they are, who they want to be, and who they want to be with.

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

This historical fiction novel tells of Mattie Cook, 16 years old, who lives in Philadelphia just after the time of our country's beginning. Her parents own a coffee house on High Street when the yellow fever hits. The plague-like conditions leave 5,000 dead in three months. It is the story of growing up, hard ship, and the taking on of responsibility.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

It's 1935 and twelve-year-old Moose Flanagan and his family have just moved to Alcatraz, the infamous island that's home to criminals like Al Capone. Fitting in at his new school and keeping an eye on his sister Natalie are just two of Moose's many problems. All Moose wants to do is to keep out of trouble, but on Alcatraz, trouble is never very far away. (Newbery Honor Book)

Loch by Paul Zindel

There are creatures in a Vermont lake - creatures that are vicious and attack. Loch, a sixteen year old and his sister, Zaidee, go to Vermont with their father, a scientist, in hopes of finding and studying these creatures.

Skellig by David Almond

In the turmoil of moving to a new home and a baby sister who is hovering near death, David finds a mysterious man with wings in the dilapidated garage. This is the eerie, magical story of David's attempt to figure it all out.

Something Upstairs by Avi

Up a flight of spiral stairs, in a house built in 1789, is a dark stain on a wooden floor. In the dark of night, very late or extremely early, something rises - something white, and glowing. It looks human and it's motioning to be followed. In this unusual ghost story, Avi moves from the past to the present in Providence, RI.

Travel Team by Tom Lupica

Twelve-year-old Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court -but don't tell him that, because no one plays with more heart or court sense, but none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team, the very same team his father led to national prominence as a boy. Danny's father, still smarting from his own troubles, knows Danny isn't the only kid who was cut for the wrong reason, and together, this washed-up former player and a bunch of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured.

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Charlotte Doyle comes from a proper family. She does as her father wishes, so despite warnings, she boards the Seahawk to travel from Liverpool, England to Providence, Rhode Island. Once aboard, Charlotte learns that she is not only the only girl traveling on this ship, she is the only passenger. Charlotte becomes caught between the captain, who comes from the world she has been raised in, and the crew who, at first, appears to be savage and is about to revolt.

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

With the help of her grandparents, thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle is searching for her mother who had left the year before. To pass the time while crossing from Ohio to Idaho, Sal tells the outrageous story of her friend, Phoebe Winterbottom, whose mother also left without explanation. Through her stories, Sal tries to come to terms with life since her mother's departure. (Newbery Medal)

Note Card Directions: You are required to keep 4" x 6" note cards for each of the following elements of the novel: *Character*, *Setting*, and *Plot*. You are to bring these note cards to school on the first day. These notes will be used to produce a summer reading essay during the first days of school.

#1 – CHARACTERS: Describe the main characters and some of the minor characters.

#2 – SETTING: Describe where and when the story takes place.

#3 – PLOT: List the major events of the story, including any major conflicts the main character faces.

Wherever you go, take a book along!

Happy Reading!

The *Massachusetts English Framework* recommends the list of authors below:

Isaac Asimov	Jean George	Lois Lowry
James Berry	Sheila Gordon	Anne McCaffrey
Nancy Bond	Bette Greene	Robin McKinley
Ray Bradbury	Rosa Guy	Margaret Mahy
Bruce Brooks	Mary D. Hahn	Milton Meltzer
Alice Childress	Virginia Hamilton	L.M.Montgomery
Bill & Vera Cleaver	Joyce Hanson	Walter Dean Myers
James & Chris Collier	James Herriot	Lensey Namioka
Susan Cooper	S.E.Hinton	Scott O'Dell
Esther Forbes	Felice Holman	Katherine Patterson
Paul Fox	Irene Hunt	Richard Peck
Russell Freedman	Norton Juster	Ellen Raskin
Leon Garfield	M.E.Kerr	Anna Sewell
	Kathn Lasky	Theodore Taylor
	Madeline L'Engle	Cynthia Voight
	Ursula Leguin	

Students are encouraged to read more than the required number of books!