**Gateway Middle School**

**7th Grade Summer Reading and Writing Challenge 2019!**

Dear Gateway Griffin,

Welcome to your Summer Reading Challenge! Summertime is a perfect opportunity to choose exciting, **fun** YA or middle reader books that **you** most like to read and build on the great work you have begun this year. Your goal is to **read 30 total hours this summer**. When you return to school your **first assessed writing assignment** will be on the **favorite book** that you read. How will you reach that goal? It’s simple.

# Reading

1. Read a total of **30 hours** this summer. Record the books that you read on the attached reading log.
2. Aim to read **at least 3 novels** at your reading level around 200 pages each.
3. Challenge yourself to read a variety of genres: non-fiction, historical fiction, science fiction, biography, action/adventure, fantasy, mystery, poetry and age-appropriate classics.
4. Color in the building blocks for every 30 minutes that you read. You are “building” your academic success with every 30 minutes of reading.
5. Have your parent or guardian sign your Reading Log. You can even encourage them to read and discuss your books with you.

**There are many places to find good books.**

* Check out your local branch of the public library: <http://www.sfpl.org/> There, you can sign up for a library card, sign up for “Summer Stride 2019” and earn prizes for your reading.
* Check out a local bookstore.
* Check out the websites: [www.readbrightly.com](http://www.readbrightly.com) and [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)
* Get recommendations and borrow books from friends.

Sincerely,

Ms. Suzanne Herko Ms. Kirsty Gipson Ms. Violet Trachtenberg

*7th Grade Humanities Teacher 7th Grade Humanities Teacher 7th Grade Humanities Teacher*

Mr. Frankie Yañez Ms. Kia Clark Ms. Mary Glassanos

*7th Grade Learning Specialist 7th Grade Reading Specialist School Librarian*

**Some Summer Reading Recommendations**

All these fiction books have been released in this past year – check them out from your local library.

*The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA* by Brenda Woods

*The Friendship War* by Andrew Clements

*DK Life Stories Series* by DK

*Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee

*Fairy Mom and Me: Fairy in Waiting* by Sophie Kinsella, illustrated by Marta Kissi

*Hilo: Then Everything Went Wrong* (a graphic novel) by Judd Winick

*Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly

**Classic faves:**

the “Who Was” and "What Was” series (non fiction)

*Wonder* by R.L. Palacios

*The Magicians Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo

*The Witches* by Roald Dahl

**Middle Readers** (new last year)

*First Rule of Punk* by Celia C.Perez

*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

*Dear Martin* by Nic Stone

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

*The Bluford Series* (21 titles by assorted authors)

*Saving Baby Doe* by Danette Vigilante

*Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova

*Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova

*Black Panther The Young Prince* by Ronald L. Smith

**Other YA Books** *(recently released)*

*Carve the Mark* by Veronica Roth

*City of Saints and Thieves* by Natalie C. Anderson

*We are Okay* by Nina LaCour

*Camp So-and So* by Mary McCoy

*Goodby Days* by Jeff Zentner

*The Inexplicable Logic of My Life* by Benjamin Alire Saenz

*You’re Welcome Universe* by Whitney Gardner

*Gem and Dixie* by Sara Zarr

*Literally* by Lucy Keating

*The Upside of Unrequited* by Becky Albertalli

*The Whole Thing Together* by Ann Brashares

*What to Say Next* by Julie Buxbaum

*The Gatlon School for Vigilantes* by Marissa Meyer 