

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading and Writing Challenge 2017!**

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 **10 novels** at your reading level around 200 pages each.
- 3) Challenge yourself to read a book of each of the following 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 Read 2017” 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,

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*Respect*

*Community*

*Excellence*

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### Some Summer Reading Recommendations

All these fiction books were released in 2017 – check them out from your local library.

#### **Middle Readers**

The Warden's Daughter by Jerry Spinelli

Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan

The Castle in the Mist by Amy Ephron

Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson

One Amazing Elephant by Linda Oatman High

See you in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng

Well, That Was Awkward by Rachel Vail

The Metropolitans by Carol Goodman

One Trick Pony by Nathan Hale

Miss Ellicott's School for the Magical Minded by Sage Blackwood

Jake the Fake Keeps it Real by Craig Robinson

Lemons by Melissa Savage

Funny Girl: Funniest. Stories. Ever by Betsy Bird

Tumble and Blue by Cassie Beasley

#### **YA Books**

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

Parent's/Guardian's Signature:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use the Reading Log below to record the books you read this summer. See the sample below to fill out yours.

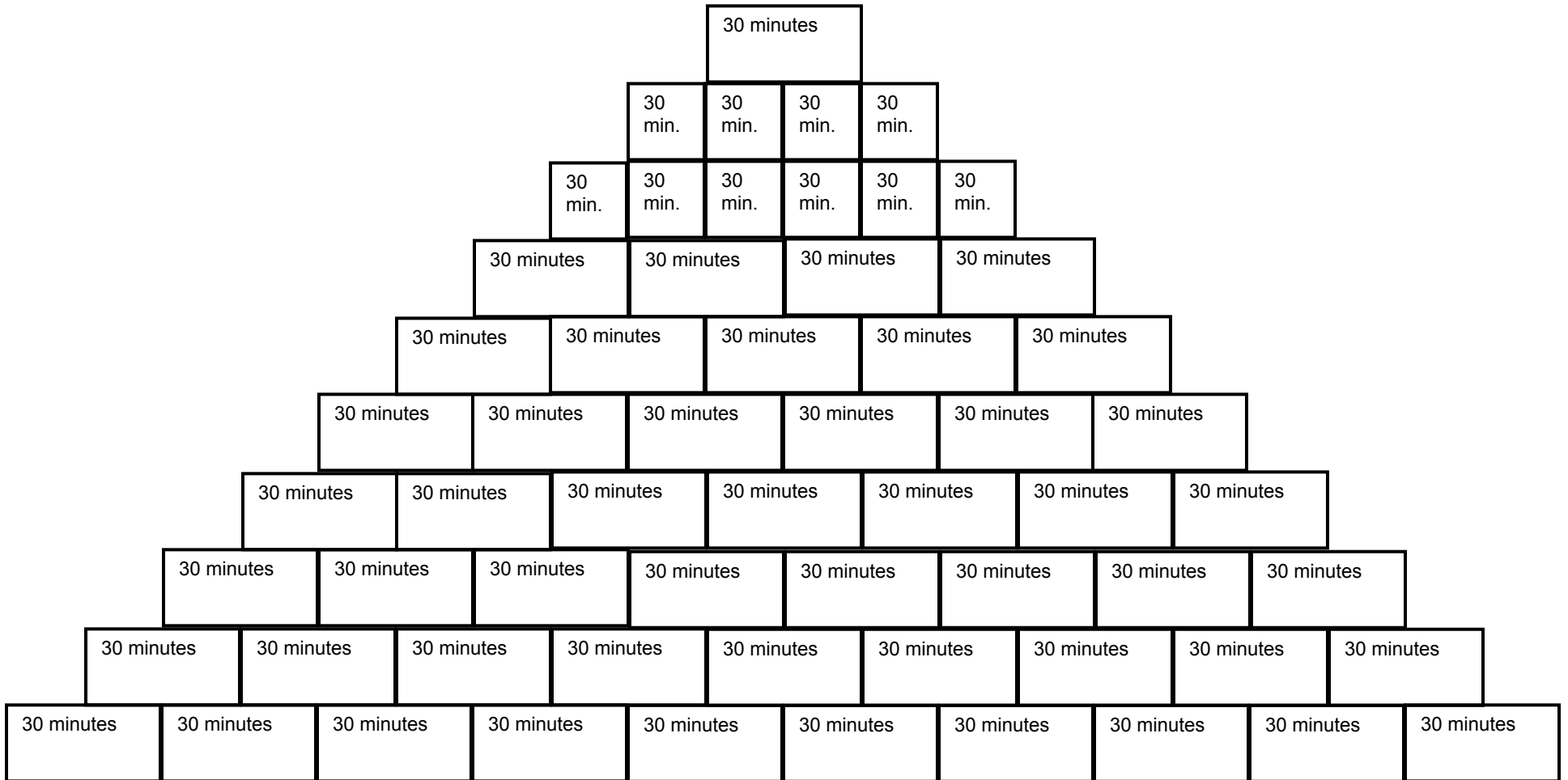
<b>Date Started</b>	<b>Date finished</b>	<b>Name of book</b>	<b>Name of Author</b>	<b>How good was it?</b> 1 * - It's not for me. → 5 *'s – It's the best ever!
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Yeah! You've reached your goal of 10 books! Challenge yourself & keep going!				
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## Reading Pyramid!

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Each block represents 30 minutes of reading. Add more blocks if you read more than 30 hours!)



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