2019 GPISD Pre-AP Grade 7 Summer Reading

Required reading:

All students enrolling in Grade 7 Pre-AP English Language Arts will choose and read two texts from the approved course lists below. Students will choose one book from the Fiction list AND one book from the Literary Nonfiction list to read.

The summer reading book of choice should be something that the student wants to read. The titles on these lists encompass a variety of content, so it is the responsibility of the student and parent to make an appropriate selection.

To help pick your books, you can:

- read reviews and a synopsis at http://www.goodreads.com
- read reviews by parents and students at https://www.commonsensemedia.org
- do a web search for the Scholastic summary

Not every website will have every title listed below, so ask family, friends, neighbors, or teachers for their recommendations.

Fiction (Choose one):

1. Faceless, Alyssa Sheinmel
2. Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series), Anthony Horowitz
3. The House of the Scorpion, Nancy Farmer
4. Wonderstruck, Brian Selznick
5. The Pearl, John Steinbeck
6. House Arrest, K.A. Holt

Literary Nonfiction (Choose one):

1. A Year Without Mom, Dasha Tolstikova
2. Grayson, Lynne Cox
3. How Writers Work: Finding a Process that Works for You, Ralph Fletcher
4. Knots in My Yo-Yo String, Jerry Spinelli
5. Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science, John Fleischman

Assignment:

Students will complete one assignment for each book:

1. Fiction: As you read your chosen fiction book, you will complete a “Tracking Your Thinking Over the Course of a Book” dialectical journal. Instructions, examples, and a rubric for the assignment are on the GPISD website: http://www.gpisd.org/apsummerreading. See the assignment sheet for more details.

2. Literary Nonfiction: During the first nine weeks of school, you will complete a choice project over your nonfiction book. Your teacher will provide details about this assignment when you return to school.