



Dear rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade WAVE students and parents,

One of our objectives at WAVE is to nurture a love for reading. Although CCISD does not have required summer reading, WAVE's expectation is that 7<sup>th</sup> grade WAVE students read **at least four books** over the summer, and by doing so, students will be better prepared for the rigors of an advanced program such as WAVE. Students may choose any grade level appropriate novel that relates to the seventh-grade theme of **conflict**.

Over the summer, we encourage parents to read with their child and to have conversations about the literature. Below are questions that will help stimulate book discussions.

- What did you like best about the story? Provide specific examples of what “hooked” you.
- Does the main character change? In what ways? Did you like him/her better at the end? Why?
- What themes (big ideas) did you notice in the story? Where in the story did you notice them the most?
- What do you think was the author's message in the novel? Give examples of where you noticed the message.
- How does the setting enhance the main theme(s) and/or conflict of the story? Why?
- How would the story be different if told from a different point of view?
- What connections do you make to your own life, while reading this book?
- What other books does this remind you of, and why?

We hope you have a wonderful summer full of amazing reading, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade WAVE Humanities team

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## Like a good challenge? Want to shine in 7<sup>th</sup> grade? Consider these book options.

### Walk a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes Challenge

At the beginning of the year, we focus on conflict and unearthing our personal stories. Below are some titles that will help support our 7<sup>th</sup> grade theme of conflict and are some options you might enjoy.

- *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek* by Van Wagenen, Maya.
- *Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson
- *The Warrior's Heart* by Eric Greitens
- *No Summit Out of Sight* by Jordan Romero
- *March* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
- *Unlikely Warrior: A Jewish Soldier in Hitler's Army* by Georg Rauch
- *Every Falling Star* by Sungju Lee and Susan Elizabeth McClelland
- *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin
- *Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith* by: Deborah Heiligman
- *Vincent & Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* by: Deborah Heiligman

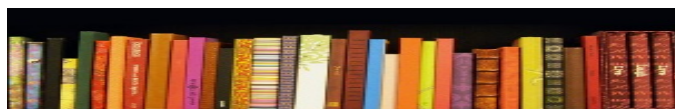
### Take a Risk on Something New

**Goodreads-** <https://www.goodreads.com/>  
Looking for your next favorite book? You're in the right place. Share the titles or genres you've enjoyed in the past, and this website will give you surprisingly insightful recommendations. It is packed with book lists of every genre, and it even has a free app! Take a risk... give it a try... you never know what you will discover!

\*You must be 13 years of age or older to create a Goodreads account, but parents are more than welcome to give their child access.



**Lone Star List**  
[www.txla.org/groups/lone-star](http://www.txla.org/groups/lone-star)



### Genius Challenge



**Mensa for Kids**--This site gives a recommended reading list for students. If you read the books on the list, you can get a certificate and t-shirt from

Mensa. We've already read several of the books in Wave. Check it out:

<http://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/>



**Mensa**  
The High IQ Society

### Develop Your Passion Area Challenge

If you know what you like and you want to build on your passion, consider reading books about your favorite topic. You'll love what you're reading, and you'll get a jump on next year's TPSP project! Here are some sites to help you locate books in all areas.

**Young Adult Library Services Association  
Best of the Best Books in 2018:**

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2018-best-fiction-young-adults>

**Young Adult Library Services Association  
Nonfiction Award Finalists for 2018:**

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction-award>