Every incoming 7th grader must read Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper as a summer reading book.

The additional books on this list are SUGGESTED further reading options. Students should consult Ms. Ciolo, ELA teachers, and the public librarians for guidance in choosing summer reading.

*Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper – Required Reading*

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Additional Reading Suggestions - Fiction

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king’s long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Found by Margaret Haddix

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

Living near the water on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

Woodsrunner by Gary Paulsen

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Native Americans who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community. Includes historical notes.
Additional Reading Suggestions-Non-Fiction

**365 Days of Wonder: Mr. Browne’s book of Precepts** by R. J. Palacio

“A book of precepts, with one saying for each day, from Auggie's teacher Mr. Brown”

**Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson

The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.

**Chasing Lincoln’s Killer** by James L. Swanson

Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.

**Left for Dead: A Young Man’s Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis** by Peter Nelson

Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later. L-1260

**Sisters** by Raina Telgemeiers

Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be. Amara is cute, but she's also a cranky, grouchy baby, and mostly prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years, but when a baby brother enters the picture and later, something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all. Raina uses her signature humor and charm in both present-day narrative and perfectly placed flashbacks to tell the story of her relationship with her sister, which unfolds during the course of a road trip from their home in San Francisco to a family reunion in Colorado.

Enjoy reading this summer!

For more suggestions see the Library Catalog Resource List: “Recommended Reads” on the HL Library Website

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