

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading for 2016-2017

Calle Mayor Middle School

Exploring Human Potential

Concept:

In 8th grade, we will be focusing on our transformation from middle school students into high school students. These summer reading books have been selected to inspire students by allowing them to experience stories that explore human achievement. Students will be incorporating themes and ideas from their summer reading into their 1st Quarter work in 8th grade English.

Assignment:

The assignment has two parts:

1. It is suggested that all students read **No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits**, by Jordan Romero (with Linda LeBlanc).
2. Additionally, all students will read one (or more) of the books from the “Book Choice” list below.
3. Keep a *Reading Chart* of all the books you read. List the title, author, and number of pages.

Read **No Summit Out of Sight** and one (or more) of the following:

Airborn <i>Oppel, Kenneth</i>	Matched <i>Condie, Ally</i>
Chains <i>Anderson, Laurie Halse</i>	Messenger <i>Lowry, Lois</i>
Day of Tears <i>Lester, Julius</i>	Okay for Now <i>Schmidt, Gary</i>
Down Dark Hall <i>Duncan, Lois</i>	The Power of Half <i>Salwen, Kevin</i>
Kotuku <i>Savage, Deborah</i>	Trash <i>Mulligan, Andy</i>

Airborn (Sci-Fi/Fantasy)

Oppel, Kenneth

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth’s surface.

Chains (Historical Fiction)

Anderson, Laurie Halse

As the Revolutionary War begins, Isabel wages her own fight for... freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, become the property of a New York City couple, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel.

Day of Tears (Novel in Dialogue)

Lester, Julius

Julius Lester tells the story of several characters including Emma, a slave owned by Pierce Butler and caretaker of his two daughters, and Pierce, a man with a mounting gambling debt and household to protect. Emma wants to teach his daughters-one who opposes slavery and one who supports it-to have kind hearts.

Down Dark Hall (Mystery/Suspense)

Duncan, Lois

Why does the exclusive boarding school Blackwood have only four students? Kit walks the dark halls and feels a penetrating chill. What terror waits around the next corner?

Kotuku (Historical Fiction)

Savage, Deborah

All Wim wants is to be left alone, to finish her senior year in peace and spend time with her dogs and the horses at Dune Stables. Soon Wim's quiet and safe routine is turned upside down, spilling out secrets too painful to face and too important to ignore. It will take every ounce of Wim's courage to sift through the secrets and open her heart to love again.

Matched (Dystopian Fiction)

Condie, Ally

For Cassia, nothing is left to chance – not what she will eat, the job she will have or the man she will marry. In *Matched*, the Society officials have determined optimal outcomes for all aspects of daily life. As the unique dystopian Society takes chilling measures to maintain the status quo, *Matched* reminds readers that freedom of choice is precious and not without sacrifice.

Messenger (Sci-Fi/Dystopian Fiction)

Lowry, Lois

Matty has been invaluable as a messenger. Now he must risk everything to make one last journey through the treacherous forest with his only weapon, a power he unexpectedly discovers within himself.

Okay for Now (Young Adult Fiction)

Schmidt, Gary

Doug Swietek faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library.

The Power of Half (Memoir)

Salwen, Kevin

Warm, funny, and deeply moving, *The Power of Half* is the story of how one family grew closer as they discovered that half could be so much more.

Trash (Realistic Fiction)

Mulligan, Andy

In an unnamed Third World country, in the not-so-distant future, three “dumpsite boys” make a living picking through the mountains of garbage on the outskirts of a large city. One unlucky-lucky day, Raphael finds something very special and very mysterious.