Seventh Grade Summer Reading

Welcome (back) to Howard Connect Academy! We want you to be well-prepared for this next school year, and one great way to be prepared is to read. As Dr. Seuss said, “The more you read, the more things you’ll know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

We’ve chosen these books for you because they are all about middle school. You might be curious about how this next school year will go. That’s great! We try to help people be curious. And maybe by reading one of these books, you’ll get some of your questions answered. You should plan to read two books during the summer. Read ONE of the books from this list, and read a second book that you choose.

**Book 1: You should read ONE of the books from this list.** If there is a book on the list that you’ve read before, read something different. Re-reading books is fun, but you can’t learn new things if you just read the same books over and over again.

*The Next Great Paulie Fink* by Ali Benjamin. A new student has to enter a very close-knit school.

*The Life and Times of Benny Alvarez* by Peter Johnson. Benny is known as Mr. Negativity and will have to decide if the glass is half full or half empty.

*If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period* by Gennifer Choldenko. Two students face dealing with a new school.

*Schooled* by Gordon Korman. A previously home-schooled boy starts in public school, where he becomes the class nerd and the class president.

*Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead. Three girls who promised never to fight have to deal with the drama of seventh grade.

*Finally* by Wendy Mass. A girl who finally turns twelve faces the ups and downs of being 12 years old.

*Girls Acting Catty* by Leslie Margolis. Annabelle has to figure out how to survive 7th grade when her friends become a headache.

**Book 2: You should read any book that you choose** (no Dr. Seuss or picture books, please).