Roanoke City Public Schools
Rising Grades 6-8
2020 Summer Reading Challenge

Middle School

Challenge:
You are being asked to read over the summer, and you will be rewarded for it! To complete the Summer Reading Challenge, simply read 30 minutes per day!

Expectation:
Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students may choose a book from the list of suggested books attached or another middle school appropriate book. Read for 30 minutes per day or for a total of 300 minutes during each two week period. Then complete the brief reflection. There will be a drawing after the second week and after the fourth week. Please submit completed reading logs to your school.

Reward:
You will be eligible for some really amazing prizes donated by Cox Communication and Roanoke City Central Council PTA!! Turn in your reading logs to also receive extra credit in your English class this fall.

Books listed for this challenge include titles for all three grade levels. Please refer to the following websites if you would like specific information on any of the titles or to determine whether or not a book on the list is suitable for your child.

http://www.scholastic.com/parents
http://www.amazon.com/books-used-books-textbooks/b?ie=UTF8&node=283155
http://ratedreads.com/about-rated-reads-book-reviews/

Possible Discussion Questions to Ask Your Student Reader:
1. How is a character in your book making a positive impact on his or her world?
2. How are your character traits similar to or different from the main character?
3. What challenges does a character in your book overcome?

BOOK SUGGESTIONS (NOT LIMITED TO THESE TITLES)

- Bud, Not Buddy
  C.P. Curtis
- Diary of a Young Girl
  Anne Frank
- Pictures of Hollis Woods
  Patricia Reilly Giff
- No More Dead Dogs
  Gordan Korman
- The Cay
  Theodore Taylor
- Island of the Blue Dolphins
  Scott O’Dell
- Wringer
  Jerry Spinelli
- Seedfolks
  Paul Fleishman
- The Call of the Wild
  Jack London
- Tuck Everlasting
  Natalie Babbitt
- Wringer
  Jerry Spinelli
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Number the Stars
Lois Lowry

Walk Two Moons
Sharon Creech

Hatchet
Gary Paulsen

A Wrinkle in Time
Madeleine L'Engle

Al Capone Does My Shirts
Gennifer Choldenko

The Book Thief
M. Zusak

Chains
Laurie Halse Anderson

Among the Hidden
Margaret Haddix

Taking Sides
Gary Soto

Flipped
W. Van Drananen

Locomotion
Jacqueline Woodson

The Westing Game
Ellen Raskin

Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo
Z. Filipovic

Dragonwings
Laurence Yep

Tears of a Tiger
Sharon Draper

As Brave As You
Jason Reynolds

The Maze Runner
James Dashner

The City of Ember
Jeanne DuPrau

Percy Jackson & The Olympians Series
Rick Riordan

The Hobbit
JRR Tolkien

The House on Mango Street
Sandra Cisneros

Quarterback Season
Fred Bowen

Song for a Whale
Lynne Kelly

Fish in a Tree
L. Mulally Hunt

Tangerine
Edward Bloor
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**Challenge ONE** (first two weeks)  **Total Minutes Read:** _____________

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Briefly share how you relate to a character in this book.

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Parent/Guardian signature  Date

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**Challenge TWO** (second two weeks)  **Total Minutes Read: ______________**

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**Briefly share something you liked about a character in this book.**

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