Malden Public Schools 2017 Summer Reading Program **For Students Entering Grade 7**

This sheet is also on the district web site: www.maldenps.org (Click on "academics" and "Summer Reading")

Summer is a great time to reconnect with reading for pleasure. The Malden Public Schools hopes you use books this summer to help you build a habit of lifelong literacy.

1. From the list below, choose one book you would like to read. You may also choose a book that is not on this list. We hope that you will read many books this summer, but for the summer reading assignment, you only need to read one.

Alexander, Kwami	*Crossover*	Fiction
Avi	*Never Mind! A Twin Novel*	Humorous fiction
Bauer, Joan	*Close to Famous* (and other books by the author)	Fiction
Black, Holly	*Doll Bones* and *The Iron Trial*	Horror and Fantasy
Clare, Cassandra	*Mortal Instruments* series	Fantasy
Deuker, Carl	*Gym Candy* (and other books by the author)	Sports
Flake, Sharon	*The Skin I'm In*	Realistic Fiction
Hiassen, Carl	*Hoot*	Mystery
Hicks, Faith Erin	*Friends with Boys*	Graphic Novel
Hinds, Gareth	*The Odyssey*	Graphic Novel
Horowitz, Anthony	*Alex Rider* series	Suspense
Kibuishi, Kazu	*Amulet* series	Graphic Novel
Lewis, John	*March: Book One*	Graphic Novel
Lu, Marie	*Legend*	Fantasy
MacHale, DJ	*Pendragon* series	Fantasy
Mah, Adeline Yen	*Chinese Cinderella*	Historical Fiction
Myers, Walter Dean	*Slam* (and other books by the author)	Sports Fiction
Oppel, Kenneth	*Silverwing* and others in this series	Fantasy
Patterson, James	*Maximum Ride*	Suspense
Riordan, Rick	*The Percy Jackson* series	Fantasy
Roth, Veronica	*Divergent* trilogy	Fantasy
Shan, Darren	*Cirque du Freak* series	Fantasy
Sitomer, Alan	*The Hoopster*	Sports
Trueman, Terry	*Stuck in Neutral*	Suspense

Van Draanen, Wendelin	*The Running Dream*	Fiction
Vega, Denise	*Click here to find out how I survived 7th grade*	Realistic Fiction
Walden, Mark	*HIVE* series	Adventure
Yousafzai, Malala	*I am Malala*	Non-fiction

Your choice of book (fill in before you submit):

Author	Title

2. After you've read the book, please fill out the attached sheet called "summarizing." This sheet will help you prepare to do the project. If this sheet does not work for your book, feel free to write a 7-10 sentence paragraph with the main ideas of your book. You will turn this "summarizing" sheet in to your teacher along with your project.

3. Now, pick ONE project you would like to complete to show what you learned from the book!

Project options:
1. Book poster (drawing/design): make a poster about your book. Pretend you are making the poster to share the book with others. The poster should include a picture of the cover, a short description of the book, and an image from the book that you draw yourself.

2. Letter to the author (writing by hand or typed): write a 10-15 sentence letter to the author. If you liked the book, tell the author what you liked about the book. If you didn't like the book, tell the author what he/she could have done differently to make the story more interesting.

3. Book review (writing by hand or typed): write a 10-15 sentence book review for a newspaper. Give a brief summary of the plot of the book and then explain why you did or did not like the book.

4. Children's book (writing and illustration): pretend you are retelling the story of this book for younger children. Create a 7-10 page children's book that retells the story. Every page should have at least one sentence on it and one image you have drawn yourself.

Rubric:

Exceeds standard	Meets standard	Almost meets standard	Did not meet standard
100-90	89-80	79-70	69-50
This project completes all elements required for the project with a high level of effort and attention.	This project completes most elements for the project with effort and attention.	This project completes some elements for the project.	This project is submitted but did not meet most elements for the project.

Summarizing

Directions:
Fill out the graphic organizer below to summarize your book. Use only the **most important** details. Completing this sheet will help you complete the project you choose.

Somebody Who was the main character?	
Wanted What did the character want?	
But What was the problem?	
So How did the character try to solve the problem?	
Then What was the resolution or outcome? How did the story end?	