



Dear Rising Seventh Graders,

This summer of 2018 you will read at least three books. One book, *Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk will be read by the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. During the first week of school we will join with the 6th and 8th grades for some activities and discussions about this book.

Choose at least two more books from the attached list. All the books are available at either libraries, bookstores or from amazon.com. You may read as many books as you like, but you only need to write a book report on three books, including *Beyond the Bright Sea*.

You may write as much as you like about each book, but at minimum you must have three paragraphs, with five sentences each. In the heading of your paper, include the title, the author's name and "reviewed by (your name)." In the first paragraph include the title and the setting of the story. In the following paragraphs include your description of the main characters and a plot description of what happens in the story. In your final paragraph write your recommendation of the book and why you do or don't recommend it. Please write in cursive (script).

Enjoy your summer,

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Reading List: (Read *Beyond the Bright Sea* and at least two other books)

1. *Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk(2017)
2. *Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsun* by Pamela S. Turner, Gareth Hinds (2017)
3. *Holes* by Louis Sachar (2000)
4. *Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt (2012-reprint)
5. *Zane and the Hurricane* by Rodman Philbrick(2015)
6. *Habibi* by Naomi Shihab Nye (1999)
7. *Endangered* by Eliot Schrefer (2014)
8. *The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found* by Martin Sandler(2017)