Humanities 7 Summer Reading  
Summer 2019

Dear Soon-to-Be Seventh Graders,

We are excited to send you into summer with an eye-opening literary adventure: The Reading Without Walls Challenge! This challenge was launched in 2016 by the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature, Gene Luen Yang.

Throughout Humanities 7, we will contemplate justice in the United States. A large part of understanding justice is developing our sense of empathy—how we build connections to other individuals, communities, and moments in time. This summer’s reading challenge is all about building bridges… and choice! Please choose three books from the Berkeley Carroll MS Summer Reading LibGuide according to the following guidelines:

The Reading Without Walls Challenge

1. Read a book about a CHARACTER who doesn’t look like you or live like you
2. Read a book about a TOPIC you don’t know much about
3. Read a book in a FORMAT that you don’t normally read for fun (a chapter book, a graphic novel, a book in verse, etc.)

Of course, it’s possible to read one book that encompasses all of these aspects, but we’re expecting you to read three so you maintain your reading skills beyond the classroom!

In September, you will prepare and present “book talks” explaining:
- What types (genre) of books you usually read
- How you found the books
- Why you selected the books/were interested in the premise of the books
- How the protagonists’ lives are different than your own
- Why you chose the genre(s) you did (why is it so different from what you usually read)
- What you learned about another culture and/or literary genre

* The Middle School Recommended Reading List will be available online throughout the summer!
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Please complete the form below and bring it with you on the first day of school!

Student name: ________________________________________________________________________

I read the following books for the Reading Without Walls Challenge

1. A **CHARACTER** That Doesn’t Look Like Me Or Live Like Me:
   
   Title: ________________________________________________________________________________
   
   Author: ________________________________________________________________________________

2. A **TOPIC** I Didn’t Know Much About:
   
   Title: ________________________________________________________________________________
   
   Author: ________________________________________________________________________________

3. A **FORMAT** I Don’t Normally Read for Fun:
   
   Title: ________________________________________________________________________________
   
   Author: ________________________________________________________________________________

   Of course, if you read other books over the summer, we’d love to know about them!

Additional (optional) books read this summer:

Title/Author: __________________________________________________________________________

Title/Author: __________________________________________________________________________

Title/Author: __________________________________________________________________________

Student signature: ______________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian signature: ______________________________________________________________________