

# Supplemental Summer Reading List

## Torrance High School

### 2017

#### **For English students who are English Language Learners, Levels 1-4:**

- Choose one book off this list for your summer reading assignment.
- Guided Reading Levels are noted next to the book description. You may choose a book from your leveled grouping, but not from below your leveled grouping. So, a student reading at level T can choose from the levels S-U grouping, but not from the A-F grouping. See your English teacher if you do not know your Guided Reading Level.
- You must also complete the synopsis sheet that all students are required to complete for their grade level. **The synopsis sheet is DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** and is available on the Torrance High School website.

#### **Guided Reading Levels Pre-A-F**

**The Lorax by Dr. Seuss** - "Unless someone like you...cares a whole awful lot...nothing is going to get better...It's not." Long before saving the earth became a global concern, Dr. Seuss, speaking through his character the Lorax, warned against mindless progress and the danger it poses to the earth's natural beauty.

**Oh the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss** - No matter the age of people when they pick up this book, it will reflect on their present life and put it into perspective. After all, what better advice could anyone give than to say, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

**Hooray for Fly Guy! By Tedd Arnold** - When Buzz's football team is short a player, his pet Fly Guy tries to help out. But can a fly really play football?

#### **Guided Reading Levels G-L:**

**Flat Stanley At Bat by Jeff Brown and Macky Pamintuan** - When Stanley plays center field for his baseball team, he is a flat-out great player! None of the other players can float to catch the highest hits or earn walks from the fastest pitchers. But when the fairness of his flatness is questioned by the other team, Stanley has to step up to bat to prove himself.  
Guided Reading Level K

**The Cafeteria Lady from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler** - Wanda Belch is the new cafeteria lady at school. Rumor has it that kids found shoes in her food at her old job and that she now drives a garbage truck. But the kids at her new job soon find out that lunch and their new cafeteria lady aren't as scary as they thought. Guided Reading Level L

#### **Guided Reading Levels M-O:**

**Midnight on the Moon by Mary Pope Osborn** - The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie to a moon base in the future where they continue to search for the fourth thing they need to free their friend, Morgan, from the magician's spell. Guided Reading Level M

**Freckle Juice by Judy Blume** - This is a funny tale about wanting something that you weren't born with and trying the craziest things to get it! Guided Reading Level M

**Socks by Beverly Cleary** - Socks is a jealous cat who must learn to share his owners with their new baby. Guided Reading Level O

## Guided Reading Levels P-R:

***Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters* by Lesley M. M. Blume** - The book contains a very important lesson for all of us to learn: Sometimes meeting other people can change the way you look at life for the better. This story is about a girl who changes her ways, and grows and becomes more awesome! Guided Reading Level Q

***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr** - The star of her school's running team, Sadako is lively and athletic...until the dizzy spells start. Then she must face the hardest race of her life—the race against time. Based on a true story, *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* celebrates the courage that makes one young woman a heroine in Japan. Guided Reading Level R

***Rules* by Cynthia Lord** - Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. This is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a paraplegic boy, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal? Guided Reading Level R

## Guided Reading Levels S-U:

***Found (The Missing: Book 1)* by Margaret Peterson Haddix** - One night a plane appeared out of nowhere, the only passengers aboard: thirty-six babies. As soon as they were taken off the plane, it vanished. Now, thirteen years later, two of those children are receiving sinister messages, and they begin to investigate their past. Their quest to discover where they really came from leads them to a conspiracy that reaches from the far past to the distant future—and will take them hurtling through time. Guided Reading Level T

***The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson** - Eleven-year-old Gilly has been stuck in more foster families than she can remember, and she's disliked them all. She has a county-wide reputation for being brash, brilliant, and completely unmanageable. So when she's sent to live with the Trotters -- by far the strangest family yet -- Gilly decides to put her sharp mind to work. Before long she's devised an elaborate scheme to get her real mother to come rescue her. Guided Reading Level S

***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett** - When orphaned Mary Lennox, lonely and sad, comes to live at her uncle's great, empty house, she has nothing to do and no one to play with. Then a friendly robin shows her the way to a mysterious garden that has been locked up for years. Mary is determined to bring the secret garden back to life and, along the way, finds good friends and discovers the magic of making things grow. Guided Reading Level U

***Wonder* by R. J. Palacio** - August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Guided Reading Level U

## Guided Reading Levels V-Z:

***The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry** - This enduring classic tells the story of a nameless little prince from the asteroid known as B-612 who is encountered by an airplane pilot in the Desert of Sahara. Guided Reading Level X

***Ungifted* by Gordon Korman** - One middle-school troublemaker accidentally moves into the gifted and talented program—and changes everything. Guided Reading Level V