

Northeast Middle School

Summer Read Around the World Challenge 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Did you know that when children read over the summer they are more likely to “leap ahead” when they return to school? Numerous studies have shown that the best way for students to become better readers is to READ! Just 20-30 minutes a day can make a world of difference!

We are asking for your help in making reading a top priority this summer! How can you help?

- Let your child choose books he or she wants to read.
- Offer suggestions or talk to the local librarian if your child can't find a book that holds his or her interest.
- Check out the great books on the 2021 Reading Olympics book list. There is something for everyone! Join the Reading Olympics team next school year!
- Read together!
- Keep reading all summer long!

The summer is a great opportunity for students to continue reading. Students who read over the summer have an easier time the next school year just because they took the time to read. In order to maintain the literacy skills gained during the previous school year, encourage your child to be a P.R.O.U.D. reader by joining our Summer Reading Challenge! Show your **P**ride, **R**espect, **O**pportunity, **U**nity and **D**edication by simply opening up a book and reading!

One of the things that makes Northeast Middle School such a wonderful learning environment is its culturally diverse population. Students who attend Northeast come from all parts of the world. This year, our summer reading program will focus on reading books from around the world. The benefits of reading multicultural literature are many. Multicultural books allow students to travel to different parts of the world to learn about the people, places, and customs of various cultures. This understanding of others helps build the school culture by creating a community where all cultures are valued and respected. By reading multicultural literature, students will gain a deeper understanding of who they are and who the students around them are.

Attached to this letter is a list of suggested multicultural books that celebrates cultures from around the world. Also included are books from the 2021 Reading Olympics list. Reading books from this list will help students prepare for the annual competition held in April 2021. Your child can join the team next school year! Many of these books can be electronically borrowed and downloaded using the Overdrive app. The Overdrive app can be accessed from your student's Clever app. Log in information is your child's student id and password. The summer reading list will also be posted online on the Northeast Middle School website. Please note that these books are only a suggested reading list. Students are not required to only read books from this list, but are encouraged to read additional books of their choosing. Feel free to join other summer reading programs, too! Books you read for Barnes and Noble or the Bethlehem Area Public Library, for example, will count for our program, too! What helps make reading entertaining is when students are given the freedom to choose books that appeal to their unique interests!

Your child should record his or her summer reading on the attached Summer Reading Log form. Students who participate in the Summer Reading Around the World Challenge should return their reading log form to their homeroom teacher upon returning to school. Those students who have read **1,000 minutes or more** will receive a **Proud Pound**.

Make sure to save your Proud Pounds so you can join Northeast's Proud Society and take part in events such as our Ice-cream Socials, Chinese Buffet, Mini Golf, Dorney Park and much, much more!

We hope this summer you and your child will choose to show your Northeast Pride by taking part in our Summer Reading Around the World Challenge! You are encouraged to preview books with your child before he/she reads them. What makes students successful readers is when their parents or guardians engage in the text with them and ask questions about what they are reading.

Happy Reading!
Northeast Middle School
ELA Department

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Date	Title and Author	Pages Read	# of minutes read	Nonfiction/ Fiction	Parent Initials

Total # of Minutes Read: _____
I verify that my child has read these books during the summer.
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Hand in this reading log and *Comparing Cultures to My Own* sheet to your homeroom teacher upon your return to school. Attach any additional sheets if necessary. There is no limit to the amount of books you can read!
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Reading Around the World With Multicultural Books



Title	Author	Region
90 Miles to Havana	Flores-Galbis, Enrique	Hispanic and Hispanic American
A Single Shard	Park, Linda Sue	Asian and Asian American
Amal Unbound	Saeed, Aisha	Asian and Asian American
American Born Chinese	Luen Yang, Gene	Asian and Asian American
Anna Wang	Cheng, Andrea	Asian and Asian American
As Brave As You	Reynolds, Jason	African and African American
Blackbird Fly	Entrada Kelly, Erin	Asian and Asian American
Blue Birds	Starr Rose, Caroline	Multicultural
Booked	Alexander, Kwame	African and African American
Brown Girl Dreaming	Woodson, Jacqueline	African and African American
Call Me Maria	Ortiz Cofer, Judith	Hispanic and Hispanic American
Caminar	Brown, Skila	Hispanic and Hispanic American
Celeste's Harlem Renaissance	Tate, Eleanora	African and African American
Chains // Forge // Ashes (The Seeds of America Trilogy)	Halse Anderson, Laurie	African and African American
Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix	Briggs, Jacqueline and June Jo Lee	Asian and Asian American
Confetti Girl	Lopez, Diana	Hispanic and Hispanic American
Counting By 7s	Goldberg Sloan, Holly	Diversity
Crossover, The	Alexander, Kwame	African and African American
El Lector	Durbin, William	Hispanic and Hispanic American
Esperanza Rising	Munoz Ryan, Pam	Hispanic and Hispanic American
How Tia Lola Came to (Visit) Stay	Alvarez, Julia	Hispanic and Hispanic American
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban	Yousafzai, Malala	Asian and Asian American
I Lived on Butterfly Hill	Agosin, Marjorie	Hispanic and Hispanic American
Inside Out and Back Again	Lai, Thanhha	Asian and Asian American
It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	Dumas, Firoozeh	Middle Eastern

It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood (Adapted for Young Readers)	Noah, Trevor	African and African American
Jazmin's Notebook	Grimes, Nikki	African and African American
Laugh with the Moon	Burg, Shana	African and African American
Listen, Slowly	Lai, Thanhha	Asian and Asian American
Look Both Ways in the Barrio Blanco	Robbins Rose, Judith	Hispanic and Hispanic American
Maximilian & the Mystery of the Guardian Angel	Garzam Xavier	Hispanic and Hispanic American
My Name Is Bilal	Mobin-Uddin MD, Asma	Asian and Asian American
One Crazy Summer	Williams-Garcia, Rita	African and African American
One Half from the East	Hashimi, Nadia	Asian and Asian American
Refugee	Gratz, Alan	Multicultural
Return to Sender	Alvarez, Julia	Hispanic and Hispanic American
Salt	Frost, Helen	Diversity
Save Me a Seat	Varadarajan, Gita	Asian and Asian American
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Sea Prayer	Hosseini, Khaled	Middle Eastern
Sea Sirens	Chu, Amy	Asian and Asian American
Somewhere Among	Donwerth-Chikamatsu, Annie	Asian and Asian American
Summerlost	Condie, Allie	Asian and Asian American
The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin Maker	Woods, Matilda	European
The Bridge Home	Venkatraman, Padma	Asian and Asian American
The Color of My Words	Joseph, Lynn	Hispanic and Hispanic American
The Dreamer	Munoz Ryan, Pam	Hispanic and Hispanic American
The Great Wall of Lucy Wu	Wan-Long Shang, Wendy	Asian and Asian American
The Land of Forgotten Girls	Entrada Kelly, Erin	Asian and Asian American
The Midnight War of Mateo Martinez	Yardi, Robin	Hispanic and Hispanic American
The Toothpaste Millionaire	Merrill, Jean	African and African American
The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA	Woods, Brenda	African and African American
Tortilla Sun	Cervantes, Jennifer	Hispanic and Hispanic American
Walking Home	Walters, Eric	African and African American
What Color is My World?	Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem and Raymond Obstfeld	African and African American
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Lin, Grace	Asian and Asian American

2021 Reading Olympics Middle School 25 Book List

Title	Author Last Name	Author First Name	Level	NEW
Because of Mr. Terupt	Buyea	Rob	JR	
Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, The	Kamkwamba	William	JR	
Boys in the Boat, The (Young Readers Adaptation): The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics	Brown	Daniel James	JR	NEW
Dead End in Norvelt	Gantos	Jack	JR	
Death Mountain	Shahan	Sherry	JR	
Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie	Sonnenblick	Jordan	JR	
Forge	Anderson	Laurie Halse	JR	
Guts	Paulsen	Gary	JR	
Half a Chance	Lord	Cynthia	JR	
Hoot	Hiaasen	Carl	JR	
House of the Red Fish	Salisbury	Graham	JR	
Its the End of the World as I Know It	Landis	Matt	JR	NEW
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life	Mass	Wendy	JR	
Long Walk to Water, A	Park	Linda Sue	JR	
Masterminds	Korman	Gordan	JR	
Mick Harte Was Here	Park	Barbara	JR	
Mysterious Benedict Society, The	Stewart	Trenton Lee	JR	
New Kid	Craft	Jerry	JR	NEW
Out of My Mind	Draper	Sharon	JR	
Planet Middle School	Grimes	Nikki	JR	
Powerless	Cody	Matthew	JR	
Promise of Change, The: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School	Levy and Boyce	Debbie, Jo Ann	JR	NEW
Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster	Auxier	Jonathan	JR	NEW
Tesla's Attic	Shusterman	Neal	JR	
Yard War	Kitchings	Taylor	JR	