

Salem Academy Charter School Summer Reading List: 2021

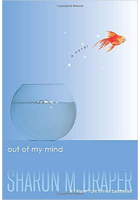
Dear Lower School Families and Friends,

In this document, you will find information related to your child's summer reading text and summer reading assignment. We believe that reading over the summer is a critical step in ensuring that students retain key skills from the prior grade and are prepared for the next one.

We encourage students to do their summer reading assignment at a pace that makes sense for them. As with any assignment, we ask that students do their best. If you have questions about the summer reading text or task, I invite you to reach out to your child's ELA teacher for next year.

Happy reading!

Rising 6th Graders



Every incoming sixth grader must read: *Out of My Mind*, by Sharon Draper. I have included a link to the online PDF version, and I have also included a link to the book being read out loud. You are also welcome to purchase the book if desired.

★ Summer Reading Book

- Online Version: [Click Here](#)
- Audiobook: [Click Here](#)

★ Assignment

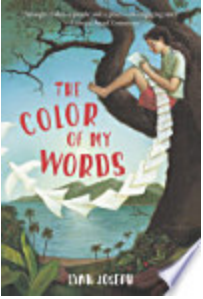
- Students will also be required to complete a Summer Book Review for *Out of My Mind*.
- [Summer Book Review](#) due in September 2021
- Students can print the review and complete, or simply download and share with me via my email address.
- Please reach out with any questions and/or concerns to: Ms. Wallace, lw Wallace@salemacademy.cs.org

★ Optional Texts

- The following novels are suggested readings; however, they are not mandatory!
 - *Waiting for Normal*, Leslie Connor
 - *Paperboy*, Vince Vawter
 - *Bystanders*, James Preller
 - *The One and Only Ivan*, Katherine Applegate

Rising 7th Graders

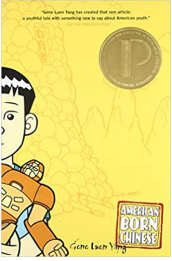
- ★ Every incoming 7th grade student is required to read, *Color of My Words*, by Lynn Joseph. There will be an online version of the book linked on the 6th Grade ELA Google Classroom. Students will also be required to complete a 7th grade reading packet upon completion of the text. If you wish to purchase a physical copy of the book, please feel free to do so.



★ Assignment

- The summer reading assignment is a general one, and it can be used for any of the three texts. Students can print the review and complete, or they can simply download and share with me via my email address.
- Link to Assignment: [7th Grade Reading Packet](#)
- Please reach out with any questions and/or concerns to: Mr. Petrides, bpetrides@salemacademy.org

Rising 8th Graders



All incoming eighth graders will read *American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang.

Rising 8th Graders

★ Summer Reading Book

- [Grade 8 Summer Reading: "American Born Chinese"](#) (PDF version)

★ Assignment

- There will be in-class discussions and checks for understanding during the first week of school (Module 0). As you read *American Born Chinese*, consider these questions:
 - What are the most important parts of Jin's identity?
 - Which people have the biggest impact on Jin's identity?
- Please reach out with any questions and/or concerns to: Ms. Hewson, hhewson@salemacademycs.org.

★ **DISCLAIMER:** This text prominently features racial stereotypes that could be triggering or offensive. This was a deliberate choice made by the author to explain his own lived experiences as an Asian-American. For further information, check out these two links:

- [A video interview with Gene Luen Yang](#)
- [This Chinese-American cartoonist forces us to face racist stereotypes](#)

★ Additional/Optional Texts

- *A Wrinkle In Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *The Golden Compass* by Phillip Pullman
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkein