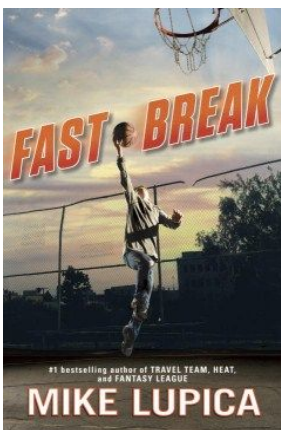


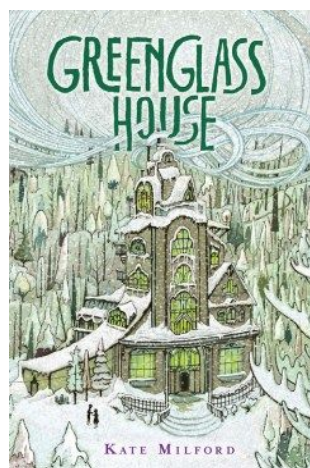
Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 7

Directions: Every student entering the 7th grade in the fall must read one book from the following list. Choose a book that will both interest and challenge you. Make sure you fill out the notes form as you read. Be prepared to both discuss the book and write about it when you return in the fall.



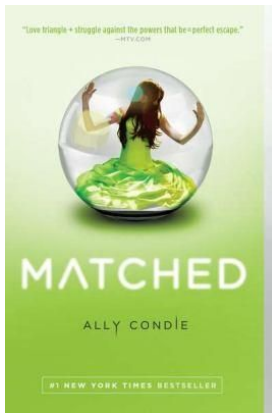
***Fast Break* by Mike Lupica (sports)**

Twelve-year-old Jayson, a tough kid from the poor part of Moreland, North Carolina, is sent across town to live with foster parents, where he'll play basketball for a rival team. Jayson's mom's boyfriend took off a few days after Jayson's mom died. Ever since, Jayson has been guiltily stealing bread and peanut butter from corner stores. When Jayson is caught trying to steal sneakers to replace his worn, too-small pair, he is matched with the Lawtons, a pair of kind, wealthy, and patient foster parents, who enroll him in a private school, Belmont Country Day. Jayson is a notoriously talented point guard, and basketball has always been his emotional outlet, but now his anger bubbles out on the court as well as in his new home. Lupica delivers solid sports action and character growth.



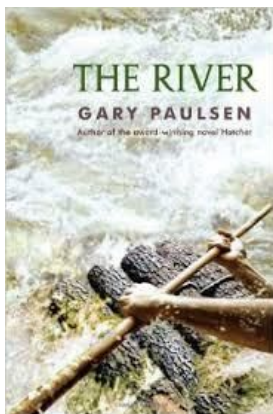
***Greenglass House* by Kate Milford (mystery)**

It's Christmas break and adopted Milo and his parents are looking forward to a vacation all to themselves at Greenglass House, the inn where they live and routinely host benevolent passing smugglers. When five unusual guests unexpectedly arrive, and their belongings-which all have something to do with the house-start disappearing, Milo finds himself at the heart of a real mystery. With the help of Meddy, the oddball girl who arrives with the cook, and a role-playing game that gives him the courage to poke around where he knows he is not supposed to, Milo uses his knowledge of the house and his skills of observation to find the missing objects, piece together the mystery of the house, and discover a secret about the legendary folk hero who used to live there. The puzzling mystery is perfectly matched by the offbeat world of Nagspeake, a fictional harbor town enhanced by folklore and history rich enough to sound convincingly real, and the dreamy Greenglass House, with its enviable attic, snug corners, and thrilling past.



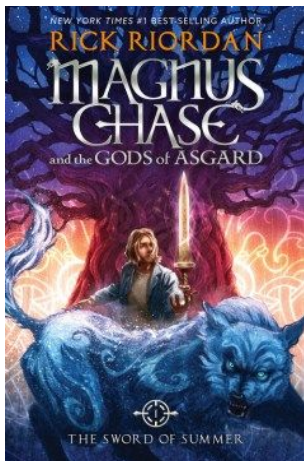
***Matched, Crossed, or Reached* by Ally Condie (science fiction / dystopian)**

Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her: what to read, what to watch, what to believe. So when Xander's face appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate . . . until she sees Ky Markham's face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. The Society tells her it's a glitch, a rare malfunction, and that she should focus on the happy life she's destined to lead with Xander. But Cassia can't stop thinking about Ky, and as they slowly fall in love, Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility and is faced with an impossible choice: between Xander and Ky, between the only life she's known and a path that no one else has dared to follow.



***The River* or *Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen (*Hatchet* Adventures)**

The River by Gary Paulsen is the sequel to award winning novel, *Hatchet*. In this novel, Brian Robeson returns to the wild, but this time he goes to a new location with a psychologist who works with a government program that teaches people to survive in situations similar to the one Brian experienced after a plane crash left him stranded in the wild. However, this trip is planned and seems too easy to Brian until a freak lightning storm turns the trip into a life or death struggle. *Brian's Winter* asks "What if Brian hadn't been rescued and had to face his deadliest enemy yet--winter?"



***The Sword of Summer: Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard* by Rick Riordan (and sequel *The Hammer of Thor*) (fantasy)**

Living on the streets of Boston after the death of his mother, Magnus is told by a mysterious stranger that he is the son of a Norse god and must track down a lost ancient sword to stop a war being waged by mythical monsters, in the first book of a new series by the internationally best-selling author of Percy Jackson and the Olympians, the Kane Chronicles, and the Heroes of Olympus series

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