

MTMS Summer Reading



In September some of our teachers will be hosting Book Club lunches to discuss some of their favorite summer reads. Students are encouraged to read one or all of the Book Club selections and join the hosting teacher for a pizza lunch and discussion when we return to school. The following are the titles and teacher hosts of the 2019 MTMS Summer Reading Book Club. Meeting schedules will be announced when we return to school.

Mrs. Hays (5th grade Language Arts)

Nielsen, Jennifer. **A Night Divided**

With the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta finds her family suddenly divided. She, her mother, and her brother Fritz live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother, who had gone west in search of work, cannot return home. Gerta knows it is dangerous to watch the wall, to think forbidden thoughts of freedom, yet she can't help herself. She sees the East German soldiers with their guns trained on their own citizens; she, her family, her neighbors and friends are prisoners in their own city.

Mrs. Gustavsen (6th and 7th grade Language Arts)

*Alexie, Sherman. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Junior is a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. ***This discussion will be for 7th and 8th graders only**

Draper, Sharon. **Blended**

Isabella is biracial and comes from a blended family; her mom and stepdad are white and working class and her dad and stepmom are black and wealthy. She splits her time between her two families, enduring constant arguing from her parents.

Mrs. Smith (MTMS Librarian and 6th grade Academic Lab)

Walters, Eric. **Elephant Secret**

Sam was born and raised in an elephant sanctuary. When a beloved elephant dies giving birth, Sam develops a connection with baby Woolly—who isn't actually an elephant but was cloned from woolly mammoth DNA. The billionaire genius behind the cloning experiment will stop at nothing to protect his investment until Sam stands up to protect the sanctuary and her herd.

Rowling J.K. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**

For 10 years, Harry lives in the cupboard under the stairs and is subjected to cruel mistreatment by Aunt Petunia, Uncle Vernon and their son Dudley. On his 11th birthday, Harry receives a letter inviting him to study magic at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Mrs. CasaGrande (Computers)

Cline, Ernest. **Ready Player One**

In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenager Wade Watts feels alive is when he's jacked into the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade's devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines—puzzles that are based on their creator's obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them. But when Wade stumbles upon the first clue, he finds himself beset by players willing to kill to take this ultimate prize. The race is on, and if Wade's going to survive, he'll have to win—and confront the real world he's been so desperate to escape.

Mrs. Porter (Spanish)

LeGrand, Eric. **Believe: The Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand** *Young Readers' Edition*

The profoundly moving story of Eric LeGrand, the former defensive tackle for the Rutgers University Scarlet Knights football team, who suffered a severe spinal cord injury and was left paralyzed by a crushing on-field tackle during a heated game with Army. A remarkable true account of a courageous young athlete whose unshakable faith, spirit, positive outlook, and rousing motto, "BELIEVE!" would serve as inspiration to legions of fans.