



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS  
KAPĀLAMA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Summertime is quickly approaching! It is an excellent time for reading: reading at the beach, reading on the lānai, reading on the plane, reading on the bus, reading by the pool...well, you get the idea. Reading is a lifelong, mind-expanding activity that deserves attention year-round, not just when school is “in session.”

Research shows a strong connection between independent reading and increased vocabulary and comprehension skills. In order to promote independent reading outside of the classroom, all Kamehameha teachers have established a **Summer Reading Program** for students in Grades 1 through 12.

Upon starting school in the fall, students entering grade 7 will be expected to have read a minimum of **two** books over the summer. The **required** 7<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading book is ***Wonder*** by R.J. Palacio. This book will be used by all four seventh grade teams at the beginning of next school year. For their second selection, students may pick **any novel of choice** with at least 200 pages. Early in the year, English teachers will provide opportunities for students’ to reflect on the two titles.

Young people often look to parents and other significant adults for guidance and inspiration, so we urge parents to share in this summer’s reading. By reading and discussing with your child, you can all share the enjoyment reading can bring. Your consistent support and encouragement play an important role in your child’s ongoing growth and development. For your convenience the summer reading list has been posted to our KSKMS website <http://blogs.ksbe.edu/kskms/>.

If you have any questions about summer reading, please contact Stacey Makanui, Interim Dean of Student Life at 842-8122. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

E mālama pono,

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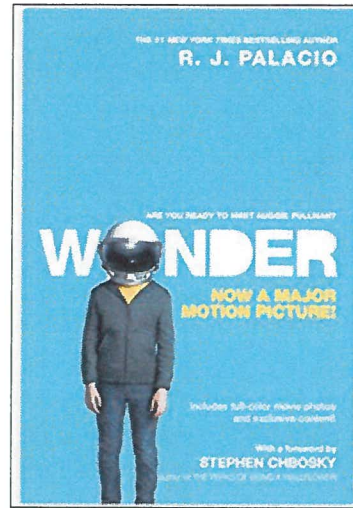
## Seventh Grade Reading List Descriptions

### REQUIRED READING:

*Wonder* (2012) by R.J. Palacio with forward by Stephen Chbosky (2017)

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio tells the story of August (Auggie) Pullman, a boy born with a facial difference that prevented him from going to a mainstream school-until now. Auggie is about to enter fifth grade, but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?

Patricia Reilly Giff, Two-Time Newberry Honor-Winning Author states, "*Wonder* is a beautifully told story about heartache, love, and the value of human life. One comes away from it, wanting to be a better person." As an English department, our hope is to encourage our haumāna to do better, be better, and treat each other kindly as each student begins to create their own legacy here at Kamehameha Middle School.



### YOUR CHOICE NOVEL:

The second title selection may be any novel of choice with at least 200 pages. A novel is any relatively long work of prose fiction. Books with a collection of short stories by either one or multiple authors are not acceptable. Students will use this selection in several assignments that his/her teacher will require at the start of the year. Students who read many novels may choose their favorite for the class assignment.

Here are a few novels students have enjoyed:

*The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass (2010)

*Disney after Dark* by Ridley Pearson (2005)

*Hot Hand* by Mike Lupica (2007)

*Divergent* by Veronica Roth (2010)

*In a Heart Beat* by Loretta Ellsworth (2010)

*City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare (2008)

*Rangers Apprentice* by John Flanagan (2005)

and many more!

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.  
Joseph Addison

Ua lehulehu a manomano ka 'ikena a ka Hawai'i  
Great and numerous is the knowledge of the Hawaiians