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Dear Huffman Middle School Parents:

In Huffman ISD, students are encouraged to read for pleasure over the summer. Many students enjoy reading contemporary, young-adult fiction. Summer reading provides many advantages for students, including maintaining skills, fostering independent learning, and promoting a lifelong love of reading. Research has proven that students who read more, have a larger vocabulary and earn better grades in school than students who do not. Flip the page for more information and suggestions for summer reading.

In addition to reading for pleasure, **students who enroll in grades 6-8 Advanced English in Huffman ISD are expected to read at least one appropriately challenging work of literary merit from the list below** over the summer to create an initial, common framework for course discussion and study.

<b>7<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced English</b>
<i>When You Reach Me</i> by Rebecca Stead
<i>Grenade</i> by Alan Gratz

The guiding questions below provide the student with a focus for his/her reading. After classroom instruction, these guiding questions and the summer reading text will provide the basis for course discussion and study.

<b>GUIDING QUESTIONS</b>
<i>How do the main characters' qualities influence events and resolution of the conflict?</i>

Students are encouraged to read additional books of their choice throughout the summer for enjoyment and to maintain literacy skills. Students will be expected to read widely from a variety of texts throughout the school year.

Encourage your child to complete this reading by the start of school in August. All students must complete the reading no later than the first day of school, Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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# Summer Reading Resources

## Houston Public Library

<http://www.hcpl.net/>

Log in with your library card # to access ebooks, book recommendations, and other reading material.

## Common Sense Media

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/best-book-series-for-tweens>

List of book series for tweens

## Good Reads

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/tween>

Book recommendations by category and genre

