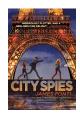


GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL Summer Reading

Rising Seventh Grade

Seventh graders are required to read one of these books over the summer. The book of your choosing must be read prior to the first academic day of the school year. When students return to school in August, they will spend time talking and writing about their favorite book of the summer. It may be helpful if they jot down notes about the characters, plot, setting, and theme of their favorite book. Please contact Karen Baldwin with any questions regarding the summer reading.



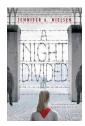
City Spies, James Ponti

Sara Martinez is a hacker. She recently broke into the New York City foster care system to expose her foster parents as cheats and lawbreakers. However, instead of being hailed as a hero, Sara finds herself facing years in a juvenile detention facility and banned from using computers for the same stretch of time.



The Hobbit, J. R. R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure. A company of dwarves have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by a dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware of the dangers he will encounter on his journey.



A Night Divided, Jennifer A. Nielsen

From *New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer A. Nielsen comes a stunning thriller about a girl who must escape to freedom after the Berlin Wall divides her family between east and west. With the rise of the Berlin Wall, 12-year-old Gerta finds her family divided overnight.



The Shape of Thunder, Jasmine Warga

The Shape of Thunder follows Cora and Quinn, neighbors and best friends whose lives are intertwined through childhood friendship, but may be irrevocably destroyed. As they grapple with grief and follow their own questions, readers have a sense of how we might make space for young people to deal with trauma.