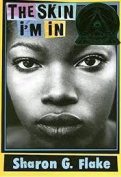

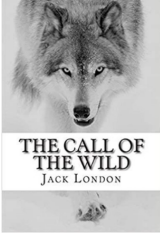


## Summer Reading 2025 Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

Each student coming into the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade must read two books before the start of the school year. Below you will find the required books and corresponding activities.

<p><b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisory</u></b>  <b><i>The Skin I'm In</i></b>          by Sharon G. Flake</p> 	<p><b><u>Summary:</u></b>          Maleeka Madison is a strong student who has had enough of being teased about her "too black" skin and handmade clothes. When she starts 7th grade, she adopts a sassier attitude and a tougher circle of friends. The last thing she expects is to get "messed up" with another "freak," but that's exactly what happens. After a new teacher, whose face is disfigured from a skin disease, enters her life, will Maleeka learn to love the skin she's in?</p>	<p><b><u>Activity:</u></b>          Write a chapter summary on a post-it and attach it to the end of the chapter.</p>
<p><b><u>English 7 (Essentials &amp; Standard):</u></b>  <b><i>Amal Unbound</i></b>          by: Aisha Saeedi</p> 	<p><b><u>Summary:</u></b>          A Pakistani girl dreams of an education, however, she must learn to persevere through unexpected circumstances. She is forced into indentured servitude to pay off her family's debt. Amal realizes she will have to find a way to work with others if they are ever to create change in her community, and if Amal is ever to achieve her dreams.</p>	<p><b><u>English Activity (Essentials, Standard):</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students will create a storyboard. See the assignment description below. <a href="#">Storyboard assignment</a></li> <li>2. Students will identify grammar in context. <a href="#">Amal Unbound: Grammar</a></li> </ol>
<p><b><u>Honors English 7:</u></b>  <b><i>The Call of the Wild</i></b>          by Jack London</p> 	<p><b><u>Summary:</u></b>          The novel's central character is a dog named Buck, a domesticated dog living at a ranch in the Santa Clara valley of California during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush- a period when strong sled dogs were in high demand. Stolen from his home and sold into the brutal existence of an Alaskan sled dog, he reverts to atavistic traits. Buck is forced to adjust to, and survive, cruel treatments and fight to dominate other dogs in a harsh climate. Eventually he sheds the veneer of civilization, relying on primordial instincts and lessons he learns, to emerge as a leader in the wild.</p>	<p><b><u>English Activity (Honors)</u></b>          Students will write 10 journal entries - one paragraph each - from Buck's perspective, covering the beginning, middle, and end of the novel.</p> <p>Illustrate any five of them.</p>