

# Jones Middle Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading list 2017

## FICTION Books

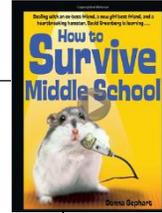
### **Baseball Great** by Tim Green

(Realistic Fiction) When Josh's father, a minor league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences. Now Josh is gulping down Rocky's "Super Stax" milkshakes to build muscle and trying to fit in with his new teammates—older, tougher kids who can suddenly become violent. All Josh really wants to do is play ball, but as he gets deeper with the Titans, there are questions he's just got to ask. As Josh and his new friend Jaden investigate their suspicions, they find themselves in a dangerous struggle with a desperate man who doesn't want them to expose the nasty secrets they uncover.



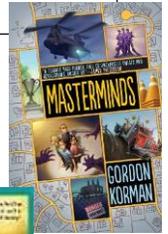
### **How to Survive Middle School** by Donna Gephart

(Humorous Fiction) Eleven-year-old David Greenberg dreams of becoming a TV superstar like his idol, Jon Stewart. But in real life, David is just another kid terrified of starting his first year at Harman Middle School. With a wacky sense of humor and hilarious Top 6½ Lists, David spends his free time making *Talk Time* videos, which he posts on YouTube. But before he can get famous, he has to figure out a way to deal with all the problems associated with entering teen life.



### **Masterminds** by Gordon Korman

(Mystery Fiction) Eli has never left Serenity . . . why would he ever want to leave such a perfect town? Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something unexpected happens that changes everything. Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate further, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity. The clues mount to reveal a shocking discovery, connecting their ideal crime-free community to some of the greatest criminal masterminds ever known. The kids realize they can trust no one—least of all their own parents.



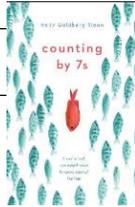
### **One for the Murphys** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

(Realistic Fiction) Twelve year old Carley has to grow up faster than most when she is placed in a foster home after suffering abuse from her stepfather. She finds herself surrounded by the Murphy family and learns what real love and security feel like. Can Carley find a way to put down her protective shield to learn to trust and love again?



### **Counting By 7s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan

(Realistic Fiction) Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world.



### **The Familiars** by Adam Jay Epstein

(Fantasy Fiction) Three young wizards-in-training are kidnapped by an evil queen, and so their familiars--Aldwyn the alley cat, Skylar, a know-it-all blue jay, and Gilbert a tree frog who can see the future--set out on a dangerous journey to rescue the boys. Can Aldwyn find the courage to rescue the wizards from the evil Queen Loranela?



### **Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25** by Richard Paul Evans

(Adventure Science Fiction) To everyone at Meridian High School, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special--he has electric powers. Michael thinks he is unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers. With the help of Michael's friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up with their abilities, and their investigation soon brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric teens--and through them, the world.



### **11 Birthdays** by Wendy Mass

(Fantasy Fiction) Amanda and Leo have been best friends and have celebrated every birthday together, but then they have a falling out and decide to have separate parties for their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. Weird things begin to happen as they realize the day of their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday keeps repeating itself over and over again.



More Books on Back . . .

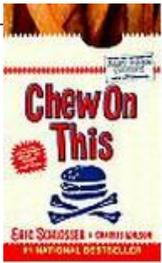


# Jones Middle Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading list 2017

---

***Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food***  
by E. Schlosser & C. Wilson

(Nonfiction Health) A behind-the-scenes look at the fast food industry. Follow the path of fast food from the meat packing plants to the restaurants chains which have studied child behavior in an effort to hook its customers. Warning: You will think twice about what you eat after reading this book!



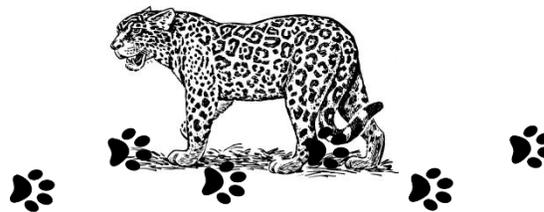
## NONfiction Books

***Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps***  
by Andrea Warren

(Nonfiction Historical Memoir) When twelve-year-old Jack Mandelbaum is separated from his family and shipped off to the Blechhammer concentration camp, his life becomes a never-ending nightmare. With minimal food to eat and harsh living conditions threatening his health, how can Jack manage to survive?



Book descriptions from Follett Titlewave.com and Gwinnett County Destiny Quest.



**Read ONE book (either fiction OR nonfiction) and complete the written assignment which will be sent home with your end-of-the-year report card. All forms will be posted at [www.glennjonesms.org](http://www.glennjonesms.org) under the Students>MediaCenter tab.**