

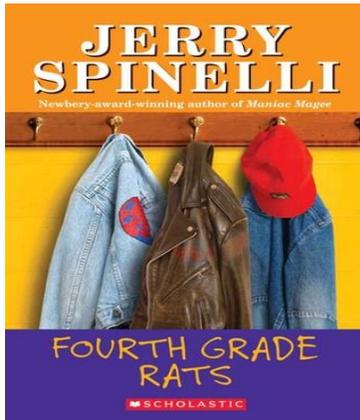
Middle School Summer Reading Instructions and Book Assignment - by grade

Dear Magnificent Middle School Family,

We hope your summer is filled with excitement and the long needed break you deserve. While you are vacationing, or enjoying the comfort of sleeping an extra hour or two, we do not want you to forget the ability to appreciate a wonderful book. Emmanuel Christian Academy has high expectations for students' literacy development. All students must complete summer reading activities before their new school year begins. You will complete a One-Pager assignment to show your understanding of the chosen books. All Directions, templates, and examples are located below. This assignment is due Friday, August 21st, 2020 **AND** will count as a grade for English Language Arts.

Below you will find the summer reading book for your grade level. Each book can be found online at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or your local library. You can also choose an audio format of the book to help your learners with reading comprehension by searching sites like youtube or audible. Free PDF versions may also be available online. Lastly, if you have a library card you can download the Libby App to any device and find ebook and audio versions free of charge.

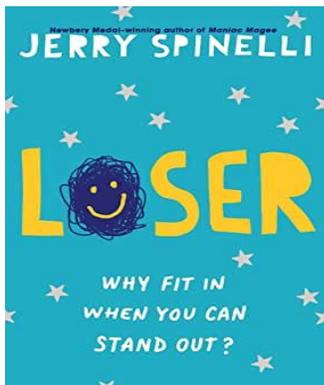
4th Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli



Youtube Book Trailer link: https://youtu.be/YGF5_Z3VE20

Synopsis: Fourth graders are tough. They aren't afraid of spiders. They say no to their moms. They push first graders off the swings. And they never, ever cry. Suds knows that now that he's in fourth grade, he's supposed to be a rat. But whenever he tries to act like one, something goes wrong. Can Suds's friend Joey teach him to toughen up...or will Suds remain a fourth grade wimp?

5th Grade Loser by Jerry Spinelli



Youtube Book Trailer: <https://youtu.be/-y-Ya9DJp6o>

Synopsis: Donald is tagged a "loser" after failing a Field Day challenge for his fourth grade class, but his unique and inspiring view of life keeps his spirits afloat.

6th Grade Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

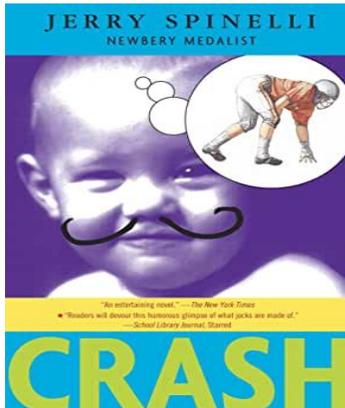


Youtube Book Trailer: <https://youtu.be/X6ICQCW6G7A>

Synopsis:

He wasn't born with the name Maniac Magee. He came into this world named Jeffrey Lionel Magee, but when his parents died and his life changed, so did his name. And Maniac Magee became a legend. Even today kids talk about how fast he could run; about how he hit an inside-the-park "frog" homer; how no knot, no matter how snarled, would stay that way once he began to untie it. But the thing Maniac Magee is best known for is what he did for the kids from the East Side and those from the West Side.

7th Grade Crash by Jerry Spinelli



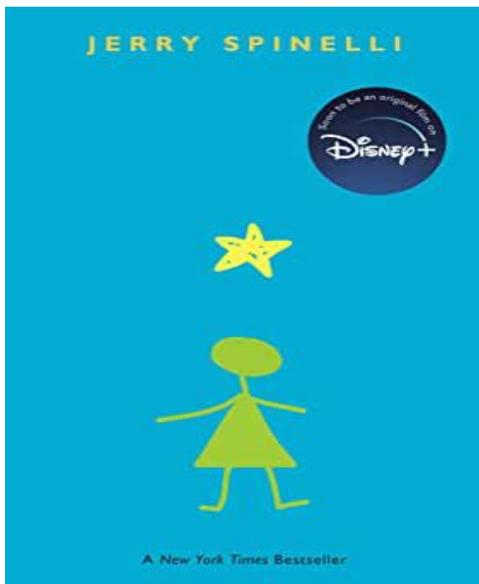
YoutubeBook Trailer: <https://youtu.be/YdAmGvr-hjQ>

Synopsis: John "Crash" Coogan, a seventh-grade football star, has been an aggressive person from the time he was very young; sometimes, he is too aggressive. He enjoys his rough, macho behavior until he meets an unusual neighbor who forces him to think about his life and his way of treating others.

A rare glimpse into the life of a bully in an unforgettable story about stereotypes and surprises.

"Spinelli's fast-paced, lively novel is great fun to read." — Horn Book

8th Grade Star Girl by Jerry Spinelli



Youtube Book Trailer: <https://youtu.be/4oQ6VGYWUbA>

Synopsis: Stargirl. From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, the hallways hum with the murmur of "Stargirl, Stargirl." She captures Leo Borlock's heart with just one smile. She sparks a school-spirit revolution with just one cheer. The students of Mica High are enchanted. At first. Then they turn on her. Stargirl is suddenly shunned for everything that makes her different, and Leo, panicked and desperate with love, urges her to become the very thing that can destroy her: normal.