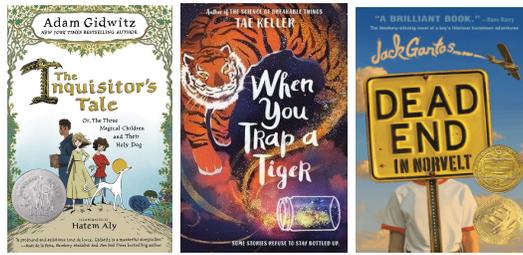


Ho-Ho-Kus Public School
Required Summer Reading
for
Eighth Grade
2021

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Gary Paulsen, a three-time Newbery Honor winner for *Hatchet*, *Dogsong*, and *The Winter Room* says, “Reading for me is spending time with a friend.” This summer, surprise yourself and make new friends.

Summer offers a perfect opportunity for you to rediscover the pleasure of reading at your own pace. Connecting to stories that are exciting and engaging is key to developing lifelong reading habits. Reading, writing, and success in school are closely interrelated. Even more importantly, reading engages your imagination like no other medium.

There is also another reason for reading. According to a recent study by Yale University researchers, book readers survived almost two years longer than those who didn’t crack open a book. Unfortunately, the Yale researchers said longevity was not increased by reading newspapers.

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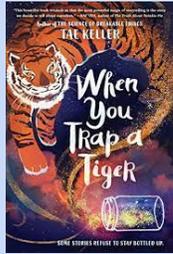
- **Required:** Tae Keller’s *When You Trap a Tiger*, winner of the 2021 Newbery Medal.
 - Choose one set to complete.

- **Required:** Choose one of the following, as well as one activity.
 - Jack Gantos’s *Dead End in Norvelt*, winner of the 2012 Newbery Medal and the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction
 - Adam Gidwitz’s *The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog*, a Newbery Honor book in a 2017

Work is due on Tuesday, September 14, and will count as a grade in the first trimester. If you have questions during the summer, please e-mail Dr. Quigley at wquigley@hohokus.

Auditory versions should be available at your local public library. You also can visit online sites such as audible.com or librivox.com.

Required:



When You Trap a Tiger

Would you make a deal with a magical tiger? This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.

Some stories refuse to stay bottled up...

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother (halmoni in Korean), a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree, but deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice...and the courage to face a tiger.

Also, Tae Keller's first book *The Science of Breakable Things* may interest you. Book Trailer: [Children's Book Trailer - The Science of Breakable Things](#)

Tae Keller will visit virtually in the fall. She has asked us to collect questions to ask her during her presentation. While reading her book, start thinking about what questions you will want to ask her.

Tae Keller grew up in Honolulu, where she wrote stories, ate Spam musubi, and participated in her school's egg drop competition. (She did not win.) After graduating from Bryn Mawr College, she moved to New York City to work in publishing, and she now has a very stubborn Yorkie and a multitude of books as roommates. She now lives in Seattle.

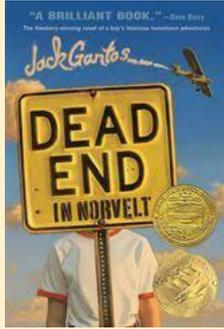


1. Click [here](#) to hear Tae Keller's acceptance speech for the 2020 Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book Award for Fiction and Poetry

[Tae Keller 2020 BGHB Fiction and Poetry honor acceptance selfie](#)

2. Activities: Choose **one** set to complete
 - a. [Choice A](#)
 - b. [Choice B](#)

Choice #1:



Dead End in Norvelt

Melding the entirely true and the wildly fictional, *Dead End in Norvelt* is a novel about an incredible two months for a boy named Jack Gantos, whose plans for vacation excitement are shot down when he is "grounded for life" by his feuding parents, and whose nose spews bad blood at every little shock he gets. However, plenty of excitement (and shocks) are coming Jack's way once his mom loans him out to help a feisty old neighbor with a most unusual chore—typewriting obituaries filled with stories about the people who founded his utopian town. As one obituary leads to another, Jack is launched on a strange adventure involving molten wax, Eleanor Roosevelt, twisted promises, a homemade airplane, Girl Scout cookies, a man on a trike, a dancing plague, voices from the past, Hells Angels . . . and possibly murder.

Jack Gantos will also visit virtually in the fall, and he will discuss *Dead End in Norvelt* and *Writing Radar*. Afterward, there will be a Q&A and writer's workshop.



1. Click here to read about Jack Gantos!

[About Jack Gantos – Jack Gantos](#)

Also, visit his website at: [Jack Gantos](#)

2. Click here to complete one of the activities.

[Option #1: “A Community Driven, Socially Minded Town”--Four Paragraphs](#) (writing in response to a video)

[Option #2: Write a Eulogy Dead End in Norvelt](#) (writing a eulogy)

[Option #3: Norvelt and Eleanor Roosevelt Dead End in Norvelt](#) (writing three-paragraph historical composition)

[Option #4: New Dust Jacket for Dead End in Norvelt](#) (creating a dust jacket for this book)

[Option #5: Vocabulary](#) (reviewing vocabulary found in this novel)

Choice #2:



The Inquisitor's Tale

1242. On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children: William, an oblate on a mission from his monastery; Jacob, a Jewish boy who has fled his burning village; and Jeanne, a peasant girl who hides her prophetic visions. They are accompanied by Jeanne's loyal greyhound, Gwenforte . . . recently brought back from the dead. As the narrator collects their tales, the story of these three unlikely allies begins to come together. Their adventures take them on a chase through France to escape prejudice and persecution and save precious and holy texts from being burned. They're taken captive by knights, sit alongside a king, and save the land from a farting dragon. And as their quest drives them forward to a final showdown at Mont Saint-Michel, all will come to question if these children can perform the miracles of saints.



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