



## Summer Reading 2026

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature

- (1) Read the novel ***Bloom*** by Kenneth Oppel. Both an Accelerated Reader quiz and an in-class written test will be taken on this novel during the first full week of school. For this novel, you will complete (2) small projects on the novel while you read it. **These mini projects must be typed and turned in on the first day of school.**
- a. First, complete **the reading checkpoint questions**. Students will type their responses to the following questions as they reach 3 different checkpoints in the novel.
    - i. **Checkpoint #1: Ch 1-6; stop at page 99**
      1. Describe one important event that has happened so far.
      2. Which character seems most interesting? Explain why in 2–3 sentences.
    - ii. **Checkpoint #2: Ch 7-15; stop at page 213**
      1. Identify a problem or conflict in the story.
      2. Predict what you think will happen at the end and explain your reasoning.
    - iii. **Checkpoint #3: After completing the novel**
      1. Was your prediction correct? Why or why not?
      2. Describe the biggest challenge the characters faced.
  - b. Second, create a **character survival card with the following**:
    - i. Three personality traits
    - ii. Two strengths
    - iii. One weakness
    - iv. One important quote or action from the character
    - v. Draw or insert a small symbol or image that represents the character

**You will turn this in on the first day of school.** Please format the document: TNR, 12 pt font, double-spaced and include a heading with your name. View the example below.

- (2) Choose a second book from the list below. **Complete the attached notes page after you read the book.** You will take an AR quiz on this book. It will be a grade for the first nine weeks. **If a student took an AR quiz on the book during a previous school year, it will NOT count as summer reading for the 2026-2027 school year.**

<b>7th Grade Literature Choice Book Options:</b>
<i>Flipped</i> by Wendelin Van Draanen
<i>Loot: How to Steal a Fortune</i> by Jude Watson
<i>Projekt 1065</i> by Alan Gratz

**OPTIONAL Summertime Reading Quiz Opportunities:**

Mrs. Cook will be on campus facilitating summer reading A.R. quizzes for their classes throughout the summer. The purpose of these optional quiz dates are to allow students an opportunity to read their A.R. novels earlier in the summer and not have to wait until August to take the A.R. quiz on the novel. Students are **NOT** required to attend these quizzing dates; students will still be provided with an opportunity to take their summer reading A.R. quizzes in class during the first week of school. Summer reading A.R. quizzes will count as a grade for Quarter 1 during the 2026-2027 school year. Please send questions about 7th & 8th grade summer reading quizzing to Mrs. Cook at [kcook@stjudebr.org](mailto:kcook@stjudebr.org)

Summertime A.R. Quizzing Dates:

- June 18th at 9am
- June 24th at 10am
- July 2nd at 11am
- July 7th at noon
- July 13th at 1pm
- July 27th at 2pm

**Required novel example format:**

Name

Literature

Date

Grade

***Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel Mini Projects**

**#1: Reading Checkpoints**

**A. Reading Checkpoint #1**

**B. Reading Checkpoint #2**

**C. Reading Checkpoint #3**

**#2:Character Survival Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Choice Novel Notes Page**

Choice Novel Selection:

Who were the main characters in the novel? Describe their personalities.

What was the major problem in the novel? Who was involved? How was it resolved?

Where did the story take place?

Who told the story? A character from the novel or the author?

What were the five most significant plot details? Provide them in chronological order?

What is the theme? What lesson should you take away from this novel?