

Dorchester Two's GATE Summer Reading List Summer 2020

Reading is an essential skill in life and the more students read the better readers and thinkers they become! Recreational reading can extend vocabulary, increase comprehension, and stimulate higher-order thinking.

Every student participating in Dorchester School District Two's Gifted & Talented Education (GATE) program has been asked to read the following novels this summer:

- **Rising 4th grade GATE Students – Choice of *ONE* of the following titles:**
 - Let's Pretend We Never Met - Melissa Walker
 - The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind - William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer
 - Masterminds - Gordon Korman
 - Sally Ride - Tam O'Shaughnessy

- **Rising 5th grade GATE Students – Choice of *ONE* of the following titles:**
 - Out of My Mind - Sharon M. Draper
 - Restart - Gordon Korman
 - Book Scavenger - Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

- **Rising 6th grade GATE Students**
 - The False Prince - Jennifer A. Nielsen

- **Rising 7th grade GATE Students**
 - The Giver - Lois Lowry

- **Rising 8th grade English 1 Honors AND Advanced/GATE Literature Composition Students – Choice of *ONE* of the following titles:**
 - The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
 - The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
 - Last Book in the Universe by Rodman Philbrick

These novels have been selected as they align with the concepts and themes addressed throughout the year in the GATE ELA classes. Therefore, students will have multiple opportunities to show case and connect their new learning with their already present knowledge throughout the academic year. .

Thank you for your assistance in providing books for our students and assisting us in encouraging a life-long love of reading! Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Anita Collier or Dr. Gem Massey at 843-821-3960. Have a great summer, and happy reading!