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Next year's grade \_\_\_\_\_

## LS Summer Teacher Recommended Books

Please write a 1, 2, and 3 next to your first, second and third choice and return to your teacher.

(This is ONE of three required summer book choices.)

### \_\_\_\_\_ *Tumble and Blue* by Cassie Beasley (Mrs. Buck)

When the red moon rises over the heart of the Okefenokee swamp, legend says that the mysterious golden gator Munch will grant good luck to the poor soul foolish enough to face him. But in 1817, when TWO fools reach him at the same time, the night's fate is split. With disastrous consequences for both . . . and their descendants. Half of the descendants have great fates, and the other half have terrible ones. Now, Tumble Wilson and Blue Montgomery are determined to fix their ancestors' mistakes and banish the bad luck that's followed them around for all of their lives. They're going to face Munch the gator themselves, and they're going to reclaim their destinies. (Amazon.com)

### \_\_\_\_\_ *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly (Mrs. Lent)

The universe comes together unexpectedly when a unique set of circumstances cause four tweens to cross paths. At the center of the story is Virgil, an 11-year-old Filipino American whose grandmother, Lola, helps him to come out of his shell and face the world. When Virgil and his pet guinea pig, Gulliver, end up trapped in a well in the woods at the hands of a bully, Chet, it is up to the stars to align before it's too late. Coming together like spokes on a wheel, everyone converges in the woods—Valencia, a deaf girl on whom Virgil has a crush; Kaori, an adolescent fortune-teller and free spirit; Kaori's sister, Gen, her jump-roping apprentice; a feral dog Valencia has befriended; and a snake, which is the only thing Chet fears. Unlikely friendships are formed and heroism abounds as the group of young people try to find their way in the world. (Amazon.com, School Library Journal)

### \_\_\_\_\_ *The Exact Location of Home* by Kate Messner (Mr. Mullins)

Geeky eighth-grader Kirby can't understand why his mother won't call his dad after their generous landlady dies and they're evicted for nonpayment of rent. Though his parents have been divorced for several years and his father, a wealthy developer, has been unreliable, Kirby is sure he could help. Instead he and his mother move to the Community Hospitality Center, a place "for the poor. The unfortunate. The homeless." Suddenly A-student Kirby doesn't have a quiet place to do his schoolwork or even a working pencil. They share a "family room" with a mother and young son . . . Trying to hide this from his best friends, Gianna and Ruby, is a struggle, especially as they spend after-school hours together. The girls help him look for the geocaches visited by "Senior Searcher," a geocacher Kirby is sure is his father. . . (Kirkus Review)

### \_\_\_\_\_ *Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett (Mr. Schrader)

When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen. Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal, where no one is spared from suspicion. As Petra and Calder are drawn clue by clue into a mysterious labyrinth, they must draw on their powers of intuition, their problem solving skills, and their knowledge of Vermeer. Can they decipher a crime that has stumped even the FBI? (Amazon.com)