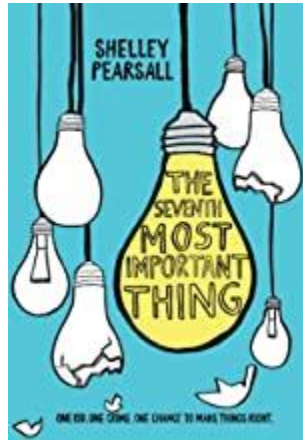


Robert R. Lazar Middle School
Summer Reading 2020
One School, One Book
Grades 6-8



The Seventh Most Important Thing

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Summer is a time that should find us looking forward to reading and remembering that a good book can be fun as well as informative. Research tells us that reading has profound cognitive consequences. Cunningham and Stanovich (2003) report that independent, out-of-school reading makes a large and unique contribution toward reading ability, aspects of verbal intelligence, and general knowledge about the world. By encouraging students to read over the summer, we support the goal of creating lifelong readers.

This year, **all** students at Robert R. Lazar Middle School will read the same title in the hope that it may promote greater unity among students and a desire to be part of collaborative conversations in September. By reading one title across grades 6-8, the love of reading can be shared with the entire school.

Directions: Students should read this year's selection, *The Seventh Most Important Thing*. Students should be prepared to analyze, discuss, and participate in individual and group activities on the first day of school. Parents are encouraged to read along with their child as well to foster discussion about the reading.

Paper copies of the text will be available through the Montville Township Library (MTPL) once re-opened and stocked. If not available (once re-opened) you may choose to put a "hold" on the book, and you will be notified when the book is available. Please see or call the Montville Township Library if you need help locating a title (973) 402-0900 ext. 227.

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