

Dear Rising 7th Grade Students and Families:

Can you hear the call of the waves or anticipate the silence of the alarm clock? Sounds inviting doesn't it? Yes, summer is quickly approaching and we all are looking forward to this needed downtime to help us all recharge our batteries. And there is no greater way to recharge your energy than to escape with a great book!



Continuing with our tradition of summer grade-level community book, rising 7th graders will all read *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi. The goal behind the “Community Book” is to offer students the opportunity to have a common thread on which to start the year’s discussions. It also exposes students to titles and authors they might not have ordinarily chosen for themselves. So once again, my wonderful future 7th graders will read *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi which I believe students and families will all find relevant to our current political news and quite discussion worthy. This book also serves as a great introduction into the study of Civics, a core 7th grade class.

Class discussion and a reading quiz for the *Nothing But the Truth* will be given during the week of **August 16**.

As always, our goal is to promote reading for all students and continue our mutual commitment with you for high literacy standards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The 7th grade team and I wish you and your family a safe and wonderful summer vacation.

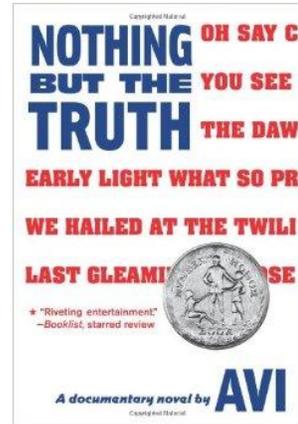
Happy Reading,
Ms. Allyn Hunt
LJPS 7th Grade ELA

For All 7th Grade ELA Classes:

- Read *Nothing But the Truth*, your “Community Book”
- Copies of this book are available at our local libraries or may be purchased from bookstores or online.
- There are approximately 30 copies of *Nothing But the Truth* available for checkout from the LJPS front office. Please contact Ms. Michele Bailey, our LJPS Middle School Assistant Principal at m Bailey@lizajackson.org if interested. These copies are available on a first come, first serve basis.

7th Grade Community Book: *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi Book Summary from BarnesandNoble.com

In this thought-provoking examination of freedom, patriotism, and respect, ninth-grader, Philip Malloy, is kept from joining the track team by his failing grades in English class. Convinced that the teacher just doesn't like him, Philip concocts a plan to get transferred out of her class. Breaking the school's policy of silence during the national anthem, he hums along, and ends up in a crisis at the center of the nation's attention.



Summer Reading Directions:

- Read your upcoming grade level's "Community Book"
- Complete an in-class review of the "Community Book" during the week of August 16.
- Think about doing a writing or journaling over the summer! Keep a journal about your summer experiences, jot down a new vocabulary word, or record notes of any interesting article or documentary.
- Read!

Relax, read, and enjoy your summer!

Frequently Asked Questions:

Where do I get a copy of *Nothing But the Truth*?

- Local bookstores, libraries, and of course online retailers such as Amazon and Barnes and Noble all have copies to check out or purchase. Ms. Hunt also has a number of books ready for students to borrow. Pick up one in her room before the end of the year or in the front office during the summer.

Suggestions for other summer reading books?

- 7th Grade Favorites: *Refuge* by Alan Gratz, *The War that Saved My Life* and *The War I Finally Won* both by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, and *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate.

Wishes?

- Ms. Hunt and the 7th grade team wish for you an amazing summer full of family, sun, time for revitalization for one and all, and of course the wish of amazing books to read. We also encourage you to watch a classic TV show (i.e. "The Andy Griffith Show", "Gilligan's Island", and "Twilight Zone") or a classic movie with your family (i.e. "Rebel Without A Cause" and "The Great Escape").

More Questions?

- Check out Ms. Hunt's class website at <http://liza7thela.weebly.com> or email her at ahunt@lizajackson.org and she will get back to you.

