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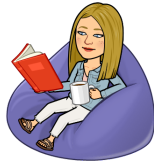
Hello from the MS LA/SS Department!



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Thematic Summer Reading Menu: As part of our progressive educational approach at Francis Parker School, we provide a summer reading list that is thoughtfully linked to the themes of the first unit students will explore in their Language Arts/Social Studies classes upon returning to school. This connection deepens understanding and enhances classroom discussions, helping to cultivate a passion for learning and encouraging students to see the relevance of their reading experiences in a broader educational context.

This year, in addition to selecting a thematically linked book as done previously, the entire middle school will read *Mexikid* by Pedro Martin. This novel has been chosen because it resonates with the themes we will explore together and holds personal significance for our new principal, Mr. Chaka Cummings, who shares his insights in [this video](#).

To assist with your selections and provide more information on the content of each book, please visit [Common Sense Media](#). If you have any questions or need further guidance on the summer reading menu, please [watch this instructional video](#) from Ms. Turpin.

Note: Francis Parker's Library is closed for the summer, but many of these books can be found at your local library! If you need a library card, click on the links below to fill out a form! [LFPL Oldham County](#)



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| <u>Full Middle School (5th-8th)</u> | <u>Mexikid by Pedro Martin</u> |
| <u>Fifth Grade</u> | Books related to Destined for Greatness: My Origin Story and Origin Stories in Graphic Novels (LA) and Road to Revolution (SS) |
| <u>Sixth Grade</u> | Books related to What Does it Mean to Be Human? (LA) and Africa, Our Home (SS) |
| <u>Seventh Grade</u> | Books related to Talkin' 'Bout My Generation: Stereotypes in the 1960's and Today (LA and SS) |
| <u>Eighth Grade</u> | Books related to The Hero's Journey (LA) and Worlds at War (SS) |