

## Grade 7 Summer Reading:

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

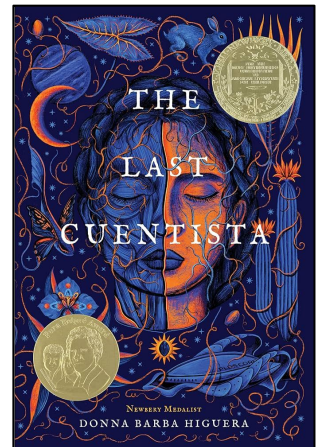
This summer we are asking students to read daily to help maintain skills they have acquired during the school year. As you read and engage with different texts, you'll practice recalling and connecting with information, setting you up for success in the classroom. Remember: A membership to your local library is free and a great way to explore many titles this summer!

Rising seventh graders are responsible for reading one required novel and a novel of their choice. We were extremely fortunate to be able to send your child home with a copy of their required reading this summer. Please note, this novel is mandatory and students will be assessed on their summer reading upon returning to school for their first grade of the year. These assessments will involve written responses to direct novel based questions. All three campuses at the Academy will read this book and engage in lively class discussions in addition to the assessment in September. Please remember to bring your book with you on the first day of school for class discussions!

- **Required Novel:** *The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera

*There lived a girl named Petra Peña, who wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children – among them Petra and her family – have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race.*

*Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet – and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. They have systematically purged the memories of all aboard – or purged them altogether. Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again?*



Please reach out to your child's campus if you have any questions. Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

The Middle School ELA Team



