

McLean School

ENTERING GRADE 7 SUMMER READING

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN OBSTACLES GET IN THE WAY OF OUR DREAMS?

REQUIRED READING & ACTIVITY



- **Read** the novel [The Zuzu Secret](#) by Miriam Chernick
- As you read, **pay attention** to your **understanding** of the text: the words, the sentences, the sequence of events, etc.
- When **you realize** that there is a part of the text that you do not understand, **STOP** yourself, back up, and reread to **figure out what you did not understand**. Then work to clarify that misunderstanding by
 - **rereading**
 - **looking up unfamiliar concepts, words, or phrases**
 - **connecting the text to what you already know**

***Additional Reading:** It is highly recommended that students read **20 to 30** minutes each day, preferably texts of their own choosing (novels, audiobooks, magazines, nonfiction, etc.)

KEY CONCEPTS

Aspiration: a hope or ambition of achieving something

Disillusionment: the deep disappointment when what we believed or expected did not turn out the way we thought it would

Paradox: something that is made up of two opposite things and that seems impossible but is actually true or possible

Prader-Willi Syndrome: (PWS) a complex genetic disorder characterized by a range of physical, mental, and behavioral challenges [[video](#)]

Truth: a fact or belief that is accepted as true