

**STEINWAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 141Q**

**A NASA Explorer School**

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Dear Future Students of 7S1, 7S2, 7E1, and 7E2:

Congratulations on all of your hard work and your entry into the seventh grade honors program! Students entering classes 7S1, 7S2, 7E1, and 7E2 are required to read *The Girl Who Could Fly* by Victoria Forester **in addition to** *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen.

*The Girl Who Could Fly* tells the story of Piper McCloud who lives with her normal ma and pa on a normal farm in normal Lowland County. But Piper isn't your normal girl. Ever since Piper was a baby she's been able to hover a few feet off the ground, and if the people of Lowland County knew she could fly, they would have something to say about it. So it only seems best that Piper be sent away to I.N.S.A.N.E., the top secret school for children with extraordinary abilities like hers. Her new friends have powers like telekinesis, X-ray vision, and the ability to create their own weather. Piper likes her new life at school, but soon, she realizes things aren't as they seem. Now, the school she was sent to for her own protection might be the most dangerous place she's ever been.

The attached book report handout will be collected in September and counted as one of the first major grades of the marking period. It is also highly suggested that you take detailed chapter notes so that you can participate in classroom discussions based on the novel in September. Remember, as part of the honors program, you are responsible to read and turn in book report handouts for **both** *The Girl Who Could Fly* and *The Devil's Arithmetic*.

Enjoy your summer...and happy reading!

Best,

The Seventh Grade Honors Teachers