

# Clarksville Academy Middle School Summer Reading 2023



All seventh graders will read *Hello Universe* by Erin Estrada Kelly.

This year's summer reading selections across all grade levels (3-12) are situated within a common theme of building a community belonging and acceptance.

In our school-wide effort to promote a deeper understanding of this theme, CA English teachers have chosen titles for summer reading to promote robust discussion of literature that explores the complexities of building a strong and productive community.

The 7th grade summer reading selection, *Hello Universe*, is a Newberry Award winning story about how four middle schoolers' lives unexpectedly intertwine one summer in a fate-filled tale of unlikely friendships.

## Assignments

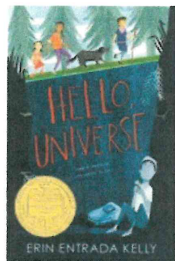
- Purchase a copy of the book.
- Complete the required reading assignment and writing prompts.
- Bring your book and assignments on your first day of class.
- If you have questions, please email Alicia McQueen, [amcqueen@clarksvilleacademy.com](mailto:amcqueen@clarksvilleacademy.com)

**Instructions: For each writing prompt, respond by writing two paragraphs (4-5 sentence per paragraph)**

1. How do you define a friend? Describe how Valencia and Roberta's relationship changes? Have you experienced the same change within a friendship? What advice would you give Valencia?

2. How do you define a bully? What kinds of things do bullies do?

3. What was the unthinkable prank in the story? Describe how it effect the characters involved. How do you determine the line between a funny prank or an 'unthinkable' prank?



## Cultural Representation Reflection

# *Hello, Universe*

by Erin Entrada Kelly and Isabel Roxas

Name \_\_\_\_\_



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### What do you see?

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Draw or use words to describe  
yourself.

Draw or use words to describe  
a character from the book.

Look at the boxes above. What do you notice is similar?

What do you notice is different?