

2023 Middle School Summer Reading Lists

Middle School Grades 6 – 8

Students may be required to read three books: one required book, one fiction and one non-fiction book from their respective grade lists below.

At the beginning of the school year, students will complete graded assignments related to their summer reading as directed by their respective English teachers. These assignments will include both a written and an oral component.

Students are encouraged to read additional books based on their grade level once they satisfy their requirement.

6th grade		
Required Book	Text	Author
	Hello, Universe (978-0062414168)	Erin Entrada Kelly
Fiction Book	The King of Shadows	Susan Cooper
	Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
	The Crossover	Kwame Alexander
	Heart of a Samurai	Margi Preus
	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Robert C. O'Brien
	Peak	Roland Smith
	The Seer of Shadows	Avi
	Throwing Heat	Fred Bowen
	Powerless	Matthew Cody
	The London Eye Mystery	Siobhan Dowd
	Bound	Donna Jo Napoli
	How To Get Rich in the California Gold Rush	Tod Olson
	Off to Be the Wizard	Scott Meyer
	City of Ember	Jeanne DuPrau
	Black Stallion	Walter Farley
Non-Fiction Book	Tracking Trash	Loree Griffin Burns
	Hana's Suitcase	Karen Levine

	Ancient China by Arthur Cotterell	Jessica Gunderson
	Stranger on the Silk Road: A Story of Ancient China	
	Legacies from Ancient Rome	Anita Ganeri
	Accidental Archaeologists	Sarah Albee
	Lincoln's Grave Robbers	Steve Sheinkin
	All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team	Christina Soontornvat
	I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai (Young Readers Edition)

7th grade		
Required Book	Text	Author
	Wonder (Illustrated Edition) (978-0593378175)	R.J. Palacio
Fiction Book	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor
	Divergent	Veronica Roth (Series)
	Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
	Things Not Seen	Andrew Clements
	The Call of the Wild	Jack London
	Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
	Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card (Series)
	The Three Musketeers	Alexandre Dumas
	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
	The Fault in Our Stars Paper Towns	John Green
	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams
	The Door in the Wall	Marguerite De Angeli

	The Kite Rider	Geraldine McCaughrean
	Killing Mr. Griffin (978-1561373437)	Lois Duncan
	A Long Walk to Water (978-1432875923)	Linda Sue Parks
	A Thousand Beginnings and Endings (978-0062671158)	ed. Ellen Oh and Elsie Chapman
	Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens (978-0374306502)	ed. Marieke Nijkamp
Non-Fiction Book	Snow Falling in Spring	Moying Li
	How Rome Fell: Death of a Superpower	Adrian Goldsworthy
	The Life of the Prophet Muhammad	Leila Azzam
	Aztecs and Maya: What Life was Like for Ancient Civilizations in Central America	Fiona MacDonald
	Machu Picchu: The Story of the Amazing Incas and Their City in the Clouds	Elizabeth Mann
	The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Heroism, Adventure and Treachery	Steve Sheinkin
	The President Has Been Shot: The Assassination of JFK	James L. Swanson
	Red Scarf Girl: A memoir of the Cultural Revolution	Ji-li Jiang and David Henry Hwang
	Silent Spring	Rachel Carson

8th grade		
Required Read	<i>Text</i> <i>No Summit Out of Sight</i> (978-1481432764)	Author Jordan Romero with Linda LeBlanc
Fiction Book	<i>When My Name was Keoko</i>	<i>Linda Sue Park</i>

	<i>The Boy at the Top of the Mountain</i>	John Boyne
	<i>The Last Train to London</i>	Meg Waite Clayton
	<i>Million Dollar Throw</i>	Mike Lupica
	<i>The Benefits of Being an Octopus</i>	Ann Braden
	<i>True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>	Avi
	<i>Jurassic Park</i>	Michael Crichton
	<i>Homecoming</i>	Cindy Kane
	<i>I am Cheese</i>	Robert Cormier
	<i>The Time Machine</i>	H.G. Wells
	<i>Twenty-thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i>	Jules Verne
Non-Fiction	<i>Chew on This – Everything You Want to Know About Fast Food</i>	Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson
	<i>Miracle on the Hudson: The Extraordinary Real-Life Story Behind Flight 1549, by the Survivors</i>	By the Survivors, with William Prochnau and Laura Parker
	<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer: The Search for John Wilkes Booth</i>	James L. Swanson
	<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Reader's Edition)</i>	William Kamkwamba and Brayn Mealer, illustrated by Anna Hymas
	<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>	Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
	<i>Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books</i>	Gary Paulsen
	<i>Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem</i>	Rosalyn Schanzer
	<i>The Boys in the Boat - Young Reader's Edition</i>	James Brown

