

Middle School Summer Reading

2017-2018

Dear Parents:

Below you will find the summer reading for rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders for upcoming 2017-2018 school year. The Students will read two books: one assigned and the other chosen from the list below. Both novels should be read by the first day of school.

For the assigned novel: There will be an assessment the first week of school as well as in -depth discussion of literary elements. Students will need a copy of this novel in school to use in class.

For the chosen novel: Please ensure that the choice has not been read in a previous grade. An in-school project will be assigned; please send your child with a copy of the novel as they will need it for completion of the project.

Thank you,

Mrs. Adkins and Mrs. Reilly

Middle School Language Arts

8th Require Reading is Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Free Choice any from list of Battle of Books EXCEPT Chasing Lincoln's Killer.

- <http://www.ncslma.org/assets/docs/MSBOB/ms%20bob%20official%20book%20list%202017-2018.pdf>

1. *Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegagte
2. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill
3. *The Iron Trial* by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare
4. *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
5. *The Roar* by Emma Clayton
6. *Airman* by Eoin Colfer
7. *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
8. *Mockingbird* by Katheryn Erskine
9. *Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25* by Richard Paul Evans
10. *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
11. *90 Miles to Havana* by Enrique Flores-Galbis
12. *The Other Half of My Heart* by Sundee Tucker Frazier
13. *Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz
14. *Fatal Fever* by Gail Jarrow
15. *Goodnight Mr. Tom* by Michelle Magorian
16. *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
17. *Beneath my Mother's Feet* by Amjed Qamar
18. *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz
19. *Bluefish* by Pat Shmatz
20. *The Alchemyst* by Michael Scott
21. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
22. *Outcast United*** by Warren St. John
23. *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
24. *The Watch That Ends the Night* by Allan Wolf
25. *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

Rising 7th Grade

Assigned novel: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

Choose one not previously read:

*all book summaries are from barnesandnoble.com

- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix- In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, an illegal third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm. Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows -- does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?
- *Maze Runner* by James Dashner - When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the towering stone walls that surround them is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying: Remember. Survive. Run.
- *Million-Dollar Throw* by Mike Lupica- Everyone calls Nate Brodie "Brady" because he's a New England quarterback, just like his idol, Tom Brady. And now he's got a chance to win a million dollars by throwing one pass through a target at halftime in the Patriots; Thanksgiving night game. More than anything, Nate's family needs the money—his dad's been downsized, his mom's working two jobs, and they're on the verge of losing their house. The worry is more weight than a 13-year-old can bear, and it's affecting his playing for his own football team. Suddenly the boy with the golden arm is having trouble completing a pass . . . but can he make the one that really counts?
- *The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen - The acclaimed author of *Flipped* delivers a powerful and healing story that's perfect for the millions who watch the Olympics or anyone who's ever thought that something was impossible. Readers will revel in the story of a girl who puts herself back together—and learns to dream bigger than ever before—after she's told she'll never run again. The acclaimed author of *Flipped* delivers a powerful and healing story that's perfect for the millions who watch the Olympics or anyone who's ever thought that something was impossible. Readers will revel in the story of a girl who puts herself back together—and learns to dream bigger than ever before—after she's told she'll never run again.
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmitt- Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. Mrs. Baker doesn't like Holling—he's sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? But everyone has bigger things to worry about, like Vietnam. His father wants Holling and his sister to be on their best behavior: the success of his business depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with? A bully demanding cream puffs; angry rats; and a baseball hero signing autographs the very same night Holling has to appear in a play in yellow tights! As fate sneaks up on him again and again, Holling finds Motivation—the Big M—in the most unexpected places and musters up the courage to embrace his destiny, in spite of himself.

Rising 6th Graders

Required Novel: *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

Choose ONE of the following that you have not previously read before in class.

- *Fish in a Tree* by Linda Mullaly Hunt - Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen - On his way to visit his recently divorced father in the Canadian mountains, thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is the only survivor when the single-engine plane crashes. His body battered, his clothes in shreds, Brian must now stay alive in the boundless Canadian wilderness. More than a survival story, *Hatchet* is a tale of tough decisions. When all is stripped down to the barest essentials, Brian discovers some stark and simple truths: Self-pity doesn't work. Despair doesn't work. And if Brian is to survive physically as well as mentally, he must discover courage.
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli – Jeffery Lionel “Maniac” Magee might have lived a normal life if a freak accident hadn't made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run-and not just run away, but run. This is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his legendary feats.
- *Schooled* by Gordon Korman – Capricorn Cap Anderson has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. When Rain is injured in a fall, cap is forced to attend the local middle school. Although he knows a lot about Zen Buddhism, nothing has prepared him for the politics of public school.
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate - Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.
- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt - Doomed to—or blessed with—eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less a blessing than it might seem. Complications arise when Winnie is followed by a stranger who wants to market the spring water for a fortune.