Charles County Public Schools

Middle School Summer Reading



This summer reading challenge is for incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The purpose is to continue students’ joy of reading and thinking throughout the entire year. There are two different ways to complete summer reading. Be sure to see the next page for additional information about a beginning of the year assignment.

1. Complete the **Charles County Public Schools** “Summer Reading Challenge” through Beanstack.

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| For more information login to your Beanstack account through Clever. Schools are eligible to win prizes with this challenge. |  |

1. Read one middle school appropriate book.

Read any book you find interesting (graphic novels and audiobooks count!). Pick something you will enjoy reading and makes you think.

# **Book Suggestions**

Are you looking for a good book to read, here are some websites to help you look:

* [2025-2026 Black-eyed Susan Nominees](https://www.maslmd.org/current-nominees)
* [Books Lists for Middle School Books](https://readingmiddlegrade.com/category/book-lists/middle-grade-book-lists-book-lists/)
* [Coretta Scott King Book Award Winners](http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards/coretta-scott-king-book-awards-all-recipients-1970-present)
* [100+ Best Books for Tween Boys](https://readingmiddlegrade.com/middle-grade-books-for-boys/)

**Preparing for the Future**

**Task**: One of the first assignments students will complete in September is an assignment called “One-Pager.” Once school starts, students will learn exactly what is needed to complete this assignment from their Language Arts teacher. The first step of the assignment is to read a book. The book students read in the summer can be used for students to create their one-pager. Below are ways to prepare for the upcoming assignment. Get ahead of the class by taking a few notes about your reading. Consider taking notes on the following areas.

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| ThemeWhat image would you use to capture the theme?Create a list of 3-4 words or phrases that are important to the story | MovieIf the book was a movie, what actor/actress would play the main characters? If the book is already a movie, redo the casting by picking new actors. |
| Changing Characters3 ways the main character changes throughout the book | Quotes3 VERY important sentences from the book |
| Setting2-3 images that show the story’s setting | Song List2-3 songs that match well with the story |
| Important scenesList the three most important events in the book | Your Reaction4-5 words or phrases describing your reactions to the book |