



Dear new and returning Middle School Students and Parents,

To ensure a successful start to the school year, we encourage you to continue reading over the summer. Our expectation is that students read **at least six books** over the summer. Studies show that children who do not read over the summer may lose some of their reading proficiency and struggle during the academic year. We want all students to feel ready for English class (and all their classes) and to engage with their peers about the books they have read over the summer.

Here are the guidelines:

1. Required reading for each grade

6th Grade: Loser by Jerry Spinelli

7th Grade: Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate

8th Grade: One novel from the HISTORICAL FICTION category

on the Suggested Authors/Titles list and below.

2. Free choice reading for each grade from the Suggested Authors/Titles list.

6th grade: at least five other books of your own choice

7th grade: at least five other books of your own choice

8th grade: at least five other books of your own choice

For those who like bookstores, we recommend these English language bookstores in Paris:

W.H. Smith 248 rue de Rivoli 75001 Paris métro: Concorde tel: 01.44.77.88.99	Brentano's 37 avenue de l'Opéra 75002 Paris métro: Opéra tel: 01.42.61.52.50	The Red Wheelbarrow 9 rue de Médicis 75006 Paris métro: Odéon Tel: 01.42.01.01.81.47
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Summer offers myriad opportunities to relax and read. Research shows well-established connections between summer reading and academic success. If you'd like read more, follow this link: [Jim Trelease on reading](#).

Parents, we appreciate your support in helping your child find a summer reading routine so that he/she can read **at least six books** over the two-month vacation.

Enjoy the summer exploring new books! See you in August.

The ASP Librarians and MS English Teachers

GRADE 8 SUGGESTED HISTORICAL FICTION BOOK LIST:

Any novel listed below will be acceptable. **Just note that the reading levels column, the lower down on the alphabet, the more challenging the book.** If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email the grade 8 English teacher, Ms. Filipa Pavic, at fpavic@asparis.fr

TITLE	AUTHOR	READING LEVEL	TOPIC
<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajama</i>	John Boyne	X	WWII
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak	Z	WWII
<i>Under a War-Torn Sky</i>	L.M. Elliott	X	WWII
<i>Code Name Verity</i>	Elizabeth Wein	Z	WWII
<i>Rose Under Fire</i>	Elizabeth Wein	Z	WWII
<i>Milkweed</i>	Jerry Spinelli	Y	WWII
<i>Maus I</i>	Art Spiegelman	W	WWII
<i>The Help</i>	Kathryn Stockett	Z	Slavery-Racism
<i>47</i>	Walter Mosley	Y	Slavery
<i>Day of Tears</i>	Julius Lester	X	Slavery
<i>Chains</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	Y	Slavery
<i>Crossing Ebenezer Creek</i>	Tonya Bolden	Z	Racism, American South
<i>Burn Baby Burn</i>	Meg Medina	Z	1970s, serial killer "Son of Sam" and sexism
<i>Silhouette of a Sparrow</i>	Molly Beth Griffin	Z	Sexism 1920s
<i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i>	Jacqueline Kelly	W	Sexism 1900s
<i>Moon over Manifest</i>	Clare Vanderpool	W	Poverty
<i>Olivia Twist</i>	Lorie Langdon	Y	Industrial England, (a rewrite of Oliver Twist, sexism)
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	U	Great Depression
<i>The Cross of Lead (Crispin #1)</i>	Avi	W	Medieval Times, England
<i>At the Edge of the World (Crispin #2)</i>	Avi	R	Medieval Times, England
<i>The End of Time (Crispin #3)</i>	Avi	R	Medieval Times, England

<i>Like Water on Stone</i>	Dana Walrath	W	Armenian Genocide
<i>Boxers</i>	Gene Luen Yang	W	Boxer War (China)
<i>Saints</i>	Gene Luen Yang	W	Boxer War (China)
<i>Fallen Angels</i>	Walter Dean Myers	Z	Vietnam War

Suggested Authors/Titles for MS Reading

* = award (Newbery Medal, Newbery Honor, Carnegie...)

<p>ADVENTURE</p> <p><i>City of Orphans</i>, Avi <i>Storm Catchers</i>, Tim Bowler <i>Airman</i>, Eoin Colfer *<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>, Jean Craighead George *<i>The Inquisitor’s Tale: or three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog</i>, Adam Gidwitz <i>The Contest (Everest Series)</i>, Gordon Korman <i>Zoobreak</i>, Gordon Korman <i>Island of Thieves</i>, Josh Lacey <i>Plundering Paradise</i>, Geraldine McCaughrean *<i>The Pull of the Ocean</i>, Jean-Claude Mourlevat *<i>Hatchet</i>, Gary Paulsen <i>Echo</i>, Pam Munoz Ryan <i>Peak</i>, Roland Smith *<i>Maniac Magee</i>, Jerry Spinelli <i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>, Trenton Lee Stewart <i>Blind Mountain</i>, Jane Resh Thomas <i>Fearless</i>, Evira Woodruff</p>	<p>CLASSICS</p> <p><i>Souder</i>, William H. Armstrong <i>The Secret Garden</i>, Frances Hodgson Burnett <i>Danny, the Champion of the World</i>, Roald Dahl *<i>Old Yeller</i>, Fred Gipson <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>, Madeleine L’Engle <i>The Chronicles of Narnia (series)</i>, C.S. Lewis <i>The Call of the Wild</i>, Jack London <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>, Wilson Rawls <i>The Pearl</i>, John Steinbeck <i>James Thurber, The Thirteen Clocks</i> <i>The Hobbit</i>, J.R.R. Tolkien <i>The Lord of the Rings (series)</i>, <i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>, Jules Verne</p>
<p>DYSTOPIAN FICTION (series)</p> <p><i>The Finisher</i>, David Baldacci <i>The Mortal Instruments</i>, Cassandra Clare <i>The Hunger Games (series)</i>, Suzanne Collins <i>Matched (series)</i>, Allie Condie <i>Scream Street</i>, Tommy Donbavand <i>The City of Ember (series)</i>, Jeanne DuPrau <i>Amongst the Hidden (series)</i>, Margaret Peterson Haddix <i>Dragon Keepers (series)</i>, Robin Hobb <i>Empty City</i>, Erin Hunter <i>Naruto</i>, Masashi Kishimoto <i>The Zombie Chasers</i>, John Kloepfer <i>No Safety in Numbers</i>, Dayna Lorentz <i>Legend (series)</i>, Marie Lu <i>Cinder (series)</i>, Marissa Meyer</p>	<p>FANTASY</p> <p><i>Skellig</i>, David Almond <i>Young Samurai (series)</i>, Chris Bradford <i>Matched (series)</i>, Allie Condie <i>Lion Boy (series)</i>, Zizou Corder <i>Ranger’s Apprentice (series)</i>, John Flanagan <i>Inkheart (series)</i>, Cornelia Funke *<i>The Graveyard Book</i>, Neil Gaiman <i>Wolf by Wolf</i>, Ryan Graudin <i>Gabriel Finley and the Raven’s Riddle</i>, George Hagen *<i>Princess Academy</i>, Shannon Hale <i>Scan</i>, Walter Jury <i>Skulduggery Pleasant (series)</i>, Derek Landy *<i>Ella Enchanted</i>, Gail Carson Levine <i>A Corner of White</i>, Jaclyn Moriarty</p>

<p><i>Divergent (series)</i>, Veronica Roth <i>Deltora Quest</i>, Jennifer Rowe <i>Forest of Hands and Teeth</i>, Carrie Ryan <i>An Ember in the Ashes (series)</i>, Sabaa Tahir <i>The Uglies (series)</i>, Scott Westerfeld <i>The 5th Wave (series)</i>, Rick Yancey <i>The Forgetting (series)</i>, Sharon Cameron</p>	<p><i>The Keys to the Kingdom (series)</i>, Garth Nix <i>Die For Me (series)</i>, Amy Plum <i>The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson series)</i>, Rick Riordan <i>Hoodoo</i>, Ronald L. Smith <i>Moribito: Guardian of the spirit</i>, Nahoko Uehashi</p>
<p>MYSTERY/THRILLER/INTRIGUE</p> <p><i>The Fixer</i>, Jennifer Barnes <i>The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity (Brixton Brothers)</i>, Mac Barnett <i>Kissing the Rain</i>, Kevin Brooks <i>Rag and Bone Shop</i>, Robert Cormier <i>These Shallow Graves</i>, Jennifer Donnelly <i>Stranger with my Face</i>, Lois Duncan, <i>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer</i>, John Grisham <i>The Joshua Files (series)</i>, M.G. Harris <i>*Hoot</i>, Carl Hiaasen <i>Silverfin (Young Bond series)</i>, Charlie Higson <i>Time Stops for No Mouse</i>, Michael Hoeye <i>Alex Rider (series)</i>, Anthony Horowitz <i>South by Southeast(A Diamond Brothers Mystery)</i>, Anthony Horowitz <i>P.K Pinkerton and the Deadly Desperados</i>, Caroline Lawrence <i>The Coin Heist</i>, Elisa Ludwig <i>The Recruit (Cherub series)</i>, Robert Muchamore <i>*The Westing Game</i>, Ellen Raskin <i>*When You Reach Me</i>, Rebecca Stead <i>One Came Home</i>, Amy Timberlake</p>	<p>NONFICTION</p> <p><i>How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous</i>, Georgia Bragg <i>Strange Mysteries of the Unexplained</i>, Oliver Doyle <i>Zlata's Diary</i>, Zlata Filipovic <i>Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom</i>, Sue Macy <i>The Omnivore's Dilemma: the Secrets Behind What You Eat</i>, Michael Pollan <i>Fast Food Nation</i>, Eric Schlosser <i>Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i>, Steve Sheinkin <i>Lincoln's Grave Robbers</i>, Steve Sheinkin <i>Born on a Blue Day</i>, Daniel Tammet <i>I Am Malala</i>, Malala Yousafzai</p>

<p>REALISTIC FICTION</p> <p><u>Friendship</u></p> <p><i>Wonder Show</i>, Hannah Barnaby <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>, John Green <i>The Misfits</i>, James Howe <i>The Amazing Adventures of John Smith, Jr. AKA Houdini</i>, Peter Johnson <i>Feeling Sorry for Celia</i>, Jaclyn Moriarty <i>Wonder</i>, R.J. Palacio <i>When Zachary Beaver Came to Town</i>, Kimberly Willis Holt</p> <p><u>Overcoming Physical and Mental Challenges</u></p> <p><i>Turtles All The Way Down</i>, John Green <i>Wish on a Unicorn</i>, Karen Hesse</p>	<p>REALISTIC FICTION</p> <p><u>Self-Discovery/Facing Changes</u></p> <p><i>Pig Heart Boy</i>, Malorie Blackman <i>Deenie</i>, Judy Blume <i>Evolution, Me & Others Freaks of Nature</i>, Robin Brande <i>Walk Two Moons</i>, Sharon Creech <i>If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period</i>, Gennifer Choldenko <i>*Because of Winn-Dixie</i>, Kate DiCamillo <i>If I Stay</i>, Gayle Forman <i>*Dead End in Norvelt</i>, Jack Gantos <i>*Olive's Ocean</i>, Kevin Henkes <i>Time Bomb</i>, Nigel Hinton <i>*Still Life With Tornado</i>, A.S. King <i>*Turtle in Paradise</i>, Jennifer L. Holm</p>
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Rules, Cynthia Lord
All The Bright Places, Jennifer Niven

REALISTIC FICTION

Family Life

Waiting For Normal, Leslie Connor
Free Verse, Sarah Dooley
It Ain't so Awful, Falafel, Firoozeh Dumas
**Pictures of Hollis Woods*, Patricia Reilly Giff
**Kira-kira*, Cynthia Kadohata
Kimchi & Calamari, Rose Kent
**A Long Way From Chicago*, Richard Peck
**Moon Over Manifest*, Clare Vanderpool
**One Crazy Summer*, Rita Williams-Garcia
**Gem & Dixie*, Sara Zarr
Never Mind! A Twin Novel, Avi and Rachel Vail
The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo
Rebound, Kwame Alexander

School Stories

The Cat Ate My Gymsuit, Paula Danziger
No More Dead Dogs, Gordon Korman
The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks, E. Lockhart
Pig City, Louis Sachar
Bluefish, Pat Schmatz
Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree, Lauren Tarshis

Set in Middle East, Africa, Asia, South America

Purple Hibiscus, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
I Lived on Butterfly Hill, Marjorie Agoin
One More River, Lynne Reid Banks
Benny and Omar, Eoin Colfer
Sister of my Heart, Chitra Divakakaruni
The Breadwinner, Deborah Ellis
The Wheel of Surya, Jamila Gavin
The Other Side of Truth, Beverley Naidoo*
Ties that Bind, Ties that Break, Lensey Namioka
Habibi, Naomi Shihab Nye
A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park
**Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind* (trilogy), Suzanne Fisher Staples
Escape Under the Forever Sky: a novel, Eve Yohalem

**Bang*, Barry Lyga
Holding Up the Universe, Jennifer Niven
Alice the Brave, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Liar, Liar, Gary Paulsen
The Boy on Cinnamon Street, Phoebe Stone
Dustbin Baby, Jacqueline Wilson
Elsewhere, Gabrielle Zevin
On the Come Up, Angie Thomas
A List of Cages, Robin Roe

REALISTIC FICTION

Sports

Booked, Kwame Alexander
The Crossover, Kwame Alexander
The Girl Who Threw Butterflies, Mick Cochrane
Football Genius (collection), Tim Green
The Million Dollar Kick, Dan Gutman
Shakespeare Bats Cleanup, Ron Koertge
The Contender, Robert Lipsyte
Summer Ball, Mike Lupica

Animals Tell the Story

The One and Only Ivan, Katherine Applegate
Warriors (series), Erin Hunter
A Dog's Life, Ann H. Martin
Racing in the Rain, Garth Stein

Race Relations

If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period, Gennifer Choldenko
Armstrong & Charlie, Stephen B. Frank
Witness, Karen Hesse
Out of Bounds: Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope, Beverly Naidoo
**The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas
One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia

HISTORICAL FICTION

Fever (American Revolution), Laurie Halse Anderson
Midnight Magic (Renaissance Italy), Avi
The Shakespeare Stealer (Elizabethan England), Gary Blackwood
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (WWII, Germany), John Boyne
Ghost Hawk (Colonial New England), Susan Cooper
The Watsons Go To Birmingham (U.S. Civil Rights movement), Christopher Paul Curtis
Annexed (WWII, Anne Frank), Sharon Dogar
Revolution_ (French Revolution), Jennifer Donnelly
The Road of Bones (Russian Revolution and communism), Anne Fine
The Red Necklace (French Revolution), Sally Gardner
Troy (Ancient Greece), Adèle Geras
The Secret Countess (Russian Revolution), Eva Ibbotson
Day of Tears (19th century America), Julius Lester
Cloud and Wallfish, Ann Nesbet (1989, fall of the Berlin Wall)
March (trilogy, graphic novels, Civil Rights Movement), John Lewis
Chinese Cinderella (WWII, China), Adeline Yen Mah
Warhorse (WWI, England), Michael Morpurgo
Fallen Angels (the Vietnam War), Walter Dean Myers
The Foreshadowing (WWI, France), Marcus Sedgwick
The Eagle of the Ninth (Roman Britain), Rosemary Sutcliff
**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (Depression Era in the U.S.), Mildred D. Taylor
Red Moon Over Sharpsburg (US Civil War), Rosemary Wells
Breaking Stalin's Nose (Communist Russia), Eugene Yelchin
The Book Thief (WWII in Germany), Markus Zusak
Fatal Throne, (King Henry VIII and his wives, from different perspectives) M.T. Anderson

SCIENCE FICTION/FUTURISTIC

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (series), Douglas Adams
Aurora, Julie Bertagna
Taken, Edward Bloor
Matched (series), Allyson Braithwaite Condie
Greenboy, Susan Cooper
Jimmy Coates (series), Joe Craig
BZRK (series), Michael Grant
Gone (series), Michael Grant
Children of Exile (Book 1 of future trilogy), Margaret Peterson Haddix
Found, Margaret Peterson Haddix
George's Secret Key to the Universe, Lucy and Stephen Hawking
The Fourteenth Goldfish, Jennifer L. Holm
Chaos Walking (series), Patrick Ness
The Knife of Never Letting Go, Patrick Ness
Replica.Lyra; Replica.Gemma, Lauren Oliver
The Adoration of Jenna Fox, Mary E. Pearson
Life As We Knew It, Susan Beth Pfeffer
Scythe, Neil Shusterman
Double Helix, Nancy Werlin
Swarm, Scott Westerfeld