

Summer Reading



At CDS we hope that everyone will find joy and pleasure in reading! In order to jump start your love of reading, the Lang and Lit teachers have provided you with some great reading selections this summer. This packet will explain the books and assignments for each grade level, as well as some excellent suggestions for your books of choice.

6TH GRADE STUDENTS are **required*** to read *Out of My Mind* plus a second book of their choice this summer:

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

This book tells the story of a brilliant girl whom no one knows about, because she cannot speak or write.

Book of Choice

Please read a book of your choosing. It should be a novel that is appropriate for your age and reading skill level.

7TH GRADE STUDENTS will read these two **required*** books this summer:

Don't Look Behind You by Lois Duncan

April's life is changed forever when she and her family are forced to enter the Witness Protection Program.

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Based on a true story, this book tells two stories set in Sudan. One story takes place in 2008, the other in 1985. Both stories give you a first hand look at life in this region.

8TH GRADE STUDENTS are **required*** to read two books this summer. All students are required to read *The Giver* plus a second book from the choices listed below:

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry tells the provocative story of a boy who experiences something incredible and undertakes something impossible.

Choose one:

There has been a change in these books. If a book from the original list was already purchased, it can still be read. If you read a book from the original list, please email Mrs. Ruth at aruth@CarrollwoodDaySchool.org.

- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
- *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo
- *Undefeated* by Steven Sheinkin

Middle School Summer Reading Assignments

6th Grade

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper - Please read this book over the summer. There will be a reading comprehension quiz and a writing assignment when students return to school. This quiz and writing assignment will not take place until the second week of school. This will give students the opportunity to ask questions and to review the information with their Language and Literature teacher. Please bring this book with you the first week of school.

Book of Choice - Please read a book of your choosing. It should be a novel that is appropriate for your age and reading skill level. You will create a digital book trailer video that includes a brief summary of the novel's major characters and events without giving away too much of the story's plot (no spoilers!). Your book trailer should be designed to make people interested in reading this novel. Give a personal recommendation of the book, including what age and type of person might enjoy this novel. Your book trailer should be between 1 and 2 minutes in length. Please have your completed book trailers on your iPad for the first week of school and be ready to share! (*A list of suggested books can be found at the end of this packet.*)

7th Grade

Don't Look Behind You By Lois Duncan - Please read this book over the summer. There will be a reading comprehension quiz and a writing assignment when students return to school. This quiz and writing assignment will not take place until the second week of school. This will give students the opportunity to ask questions and to review the information with their Language and Literature teacher. Please bring this book with you the first week of school.

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Parker - Please read this novel over the summer and be prepared to bring the book into school when asked. We will be completing a digital media project on this book in your design technology class.

8th Grade

The Giver by Lois Lowry- Please read this book over the summer. There will be a reading comprehension quiz and a writing assignment when students return to school. This quiz and writing assignment will not take place until the second week of school. This will give students the opportunity to ask questions and to review the information with their Language and Literature teacher. Please bring this book with you the first week of school.

In addition, 8th grade students will select and read one of the books on the following page in order to prepare for a project at the beginning of the academic year.

8th Grade Choice Books

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If a book from the original list has already been purchased, it can still be read.

If you read a book from the original list, email Mrs. Ruth at aruth@CarrollwoodDaySchool.org.

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

This classic novel by Esther Forbes, tells the story of a silversmith's apprentice with dreams of learning the trade and making his own way. The book has an American War of Independence theme.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Based on the actual 1793 Yellow Fever epidemic in Philadelphia, fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook must deal with the death of her childhood playmate and the fever that's overtaken the city down by the docks.

Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

This is the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to run away. This is the Young Readers Edition

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

In 1914, Joey, a farm horse, was sold to the army and thrust into the midst of World War I on the Western Front. This book about the war is told by the horse.

Undefeated by Steven Sheinkin

This book which combines American sports and Native American history is about how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team.

Suggested Reading List for Choice Books

The books on this list vary in genre, length, and reading level. **They are suggestions, not mandatory.** Please use your best judgement when picking a book that is appropriate for your child.

- The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
Holes by Louis Sachar
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
Redwall by Brian Jacques
Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Heat by Mike Lupica
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carsen Levine
Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings
Postcards from No Man's Land by Aiden Chambers
Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson
Phoenix Rising by Karen Hesse
Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene
Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang
Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr.
A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Where the Lilies Bloom by Vera and Bill Cleaver
The Pigman by Paul Zindel
The Ranger's Apprentice (series) Book 1: The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan
The Angel Experiment (Maximum Ride 1) by James Patterson
Princess Academy by Shannon Hale
City of Bones by Cassandra Clare
Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Twilight by Stephenie Meyer
Host by Stephenie Meyer
The Forest of Hands and Teeth by Carrie Ryan
Hush, Hush by Becca Fitzpatrick
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Graceling by Kristin Cashore
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater
Beastly by Alex Flinn
The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
Peeled by Joan Bauer
Prom and Prejudice by Elizabeth Eulberg
Ransom by Lois Duncan
Just Listen by Sarah Dessen
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Nightshade by Andrea Cremer
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
Looking for Alaska by John Green
Paper Towns by John Green
Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher
The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Three Great Summer Challenges Middle School Language and Literature

Summer Reading Challenge

We want you to continue reading over the summer. We are challenging you to read as many novels as you can! You can pick a book of your choice or you may read one off of the suggested list. When we come back to school in the fall you will fill out a form with your Language and Literature teacher telling us all the extra novels you read. For each extra novel you read you will receive a raffle ticket. During our morning opening we will draw raffle tickets for prizes! So the more you read, the better chance you have to win a prize!

(See the previous page for a list of suggested books.)

Membean - Extra Credit and Challenge!

Extra Credit

- If you complete a total of 12 sessions (15 minutes - no stacking minutes) of Membean over the summer with an accuracy of 75 or better you will earn 75 points extra credit to be applied to your formative grade first semester in your Language and Literature class!

Membean Challenge

If you complete one of the Membean extra credits, listed above, you will be invited to participate in the Membean Challenge, if you want. The Membean Challenge will take place the first two weeks of school. Your Lang and Lit teacher will talk to you about your Membean extra credit and give you more details about the challenge. Winners of the Membean Challenge will receive a prize and a free dress day!

IXL - Extra Credit and Challenge!

Extra Credit

- If you complete 15 skills in your Language Arts IXL, in your grade level or higher, with a SmartScore of 85 or above you will receive 100 points extra credit to be applied to your formative grade first semester in your Language and Literature class. Your IXL Skills must be completed from any of the **Reading Strategies** category in order to receive credit.

IXL Challenge

If you show your IXL scores to your Lang and Lit teacher the first week of school, you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize during the drawing at morning opening.

Double your chances! Complete 20 skills with 85 or better and you will receive **two** raffle tickets!