



# Edgewood Middle School

## *IB Summer Reading List*

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the school year comes to a close, *Edgewood Middle School* has compiled a list of contemporary and classic middle grade books for families who are looking to extend their child's learning journey throughout the summer. Given the effects on the Covid-19 pandemic on our educational systems, now, more than ever, it is imperative students continue the learning process throughout the summer months.

Below you will find a list of books broken down by various categories, such as grade level, middle grade classic novels, and classic literature. The grade level lists include contemporary, popular books that preview some of the themes and main ideas students will encounter across their classes, in their respective grade levels, across all subject areas. The selections also cover a diverse range of authors, genres, and global topics aligned with the MYP vision and curriculum. *Edgewood Middle School* recommends you research and preview the book or books in order to find those that best suit the individual student.

This reading list is not attached to any particular assignment, in any particular course, but all educational research points to reading being extremely beneficial to a child's educational development. *Edgewood Middle School* fully embraces literacy, and by having students read everyday, we set our children up for success.

[Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#) are great resources that allow one to read a brief synopsis of a book and preview a book, free of charge. Lastly, you will find the *EMS IB Summer Reading List* in the subsequent pages attached to this document.

Happy summer, Wildcat families, as you continue your educational journey, even through the summer months.



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| ~ Incoming 6th Grade - Contemporary & Popular Books ~        | ~ Science Related ~  |
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| 1. Amina's Voice by Hena Khan                                | 1. The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker by Cynthia DeFelice  |
| 2. Aru Shah and the End of Time: A Pandava by Rohani Chokshi | 2. Mind Games by Jeanne Grunwell   |
| 3. Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan                        | 3. Out of the Deep by Gloria Skurzynski  |
| 4. Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt                      | 4. Stranded by Ben Mikaelson   |
| 5. Forever or a Long Long Time by Caela Carter               |  |
| 6. Ghost by Jason Reynolds (Track Book 1)                    | <p><i>Before selecting a book, EMS recommends you research the title in order to determine if it is an appropriate selection for your student.</i></p> |
| 7. Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly                     |  |
| 8. Matilda by Roald Dahl                                     |  |
| 9. Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina                  |  |
| 10. Peter Nimble and his Fantastic Eyes by Jonathan Auxier   | <p>The following sites are a great way to preview a book.</p>  |
| 11. Refugee by Alan Gratz                                    | <p><a href="#">Amazon</a></p>  |
| 12. Riding Freedom by Pam Muñoz Ryan                         | <p><a href="#">Barnes and Noble</a></p>  |
| 13. Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez        |  |
| 14. Sticks & Stones by Abby Cooper                           |  |
| 15. The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman                     |  |
| 16. The Green Ember by S.D. Smith (Book 1)                   |  |
| 17. The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier (Book 1)          |  |
| 18. The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (Book 1)             |  |
| 19. The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan (Book 1)                   |  |
| 20. The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate             |  |
| 21. The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan (Book 1)                 |  |
| 22. The Serpent's Secret by Sayantani DasGupta               |  |
| 23. The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (Book 1)                   |  |
| 24. Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin           |  |
| 25. Wishtree by Katherine Applegate                          |  |
| 26. Witches by Roald Dahl                                    |  |

| ~ Incoming 7th Grade - Contemporary & Popular Books ~                 | ~ Science Related ~  |
|---|--|
| 1. Auggie and Me by R.J. Palacio                                      | 1. Ninjas, Piranhas, and Galileo by Greg Smith   |
| 2. Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk                               | 2. Project Mulberry by Linda Park  |
| 3. Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee  | 3. Life as We Knew It by Susan Pfeffer   |
| 4. Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card                                   | 4. Jackie's Wild Seattle by Will Hobbs   |
| 5. Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen                                    |  |
| 6. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling (Book 1)     | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Before selecting a book, EMS recommends you research the title in order to determine if it is an appropriate selection for your student.</i></p> |
| 7. Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones                          |  |
| 8. Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson                  |  |
| 9. Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Anderson                        |  |
| 10. Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga                             | The following sites are a great way to preview a book.   |
| 11. Pax by Sara Pennypacker   | <a href="#">Amazon</a>   |
| 12. Race to the Sun by Rebecac Roanhorse                              | <a href="#">Barnes and Noble</a>   |
| 13. Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly                                   |  |
| 14. The Book of Boy by Catherine Gilbert Murdock                      |  |
| 15. The Crossover by Kwame Alexander                                  |  |
| 16. The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan                                     |  |
| 17. The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill                     |  |
| 18. The Heart of the Samurai by Margi Preus                           |  |
| 19. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (Book 1)                      |  |
| 20. The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz                             |  |
| 21. The Memory Thief by Bryce Moore                                   |  |
| 22. The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier                             |  |
| 23. The Secret Keepers by Trenton Lee Stewart                         |  |
| 24. The Storm Runner by J.C. Cervantes (Book 1)                       |  |
| 25. Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalai (Book 1) |  |
| 26. Uglies by Scott Westerfeld  |  |

| ~ Incoming 8th Grade - Contemporary & Popular Books ~   | ~ Science Related ~   |
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| 1. A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness  | 1. Saving the Planet and Stuff: A Novel by Gail Gauthier      |
| 2. Becoming by Michelle Obama   | 2. Finding Wonders by Jeannine Atkins                         |
| 3. Brown Girl Dreaming by Jaqueline Woodson   | 3. Beautiful Swimmers by William Warner                       |
| 4. Cinder by Marissa Meyer (Lunar Chronicles Book 1)  | 4. Fever by Laurie Anderson                                   |
| 5. Divergent by Veronica Roth (Book 1)  |   |
| 6. Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan   | <i>Before selecting a book, EMS recommends</i>                |
| 7. First they Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers by Loung Ung                 | <i>you research the title in order to determine if</i>        |
| 8. I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai | <i>it is an appropriate selection for your student.</i>       |
| 9. Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai   |   |
| 10. Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadhota  | <b>The following sites are a great way to preview a book.</b> |
| 11. Legend by Marie Lu (Book 1)   | <a href="#">Amazon</a>  |
| 12. Life of Pi by by Yann Martel  | <a href="#">Barnes and Noble</a>                              |
| 13. Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds  |   |
| 14. Number the Stars by Lois Lowry  |   |
| 15. Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper  |   |
| 16. Renegades by Marissa Meyer (Book 1)   |   |
| 17. Scythe by Neal Shusterman   |   |
| 18. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho   |   |
| 19. The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas   |   |
| 20. The Maze Runner by James Dashner (Book 1)   |   |
| 21. The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart                                    |   |
| 22. The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani  |   |
| 23. The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen   |   |
| 24. The War I finally Won by Brubaker Bradley (Book 1)  |   |
| 25. The War that Saved My Life by Brubaker Bradley (Book 2)                                   |   |
| 26. Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk  |   |

# Middle Grade Classics

***\*Many of these books are traditionally taught in middle schools across the country and vary in difficulty. They can be enjoyed by all middle school students. Edgewood recommends you preview the book for your child before making an appropriate selection.***

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| 1. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle           | 24. Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell             |
| 2. Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Coldencko   | 25. James and The Giant Peach by Roald Dahl                 |
| 3. Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer (Book 1)             | 26. Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes                         |
| 4. Baseball in April and Other Stories by Gary Soto | 27. Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George            |
| 5. Black Beauty by Anna Sewel                       | 28. Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata                           |
| 6. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson       | 29. Monster by Walter Dean                                  |
| 7. Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes                 | 30. Old Yeller by Fred Gipson                               |
| 8. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl  | 31. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor       |
| 9. Coraline by Neil Gaiman                          | 32. Rumble Fish by S.E. Hinton                              |
| 10. Crispin: The Cross of Lead                      | 33. The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank                 |
| 11. Dicey's Song by Cynthia Voigt                   | 34. The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder                 |
| 12. Dragon's Gate by Laurence Yep                   | 35. The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman                       |
| 13. Dragonwings by Laurence Yep                     | 36. The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien                            |
| 14. Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine            | 37. The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer               |
| 15. Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card                | 38. The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros            |
| 16. Ender's Shadow by Orson Scott Card              | 39. The Last Book in the Universe by Rodman Philbrick       |
| 17. Eragon by Christopher Paul Paolini              | 40. The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis |
| 18. Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers              | 41. The Westing Game by Ellan Raskin                        |
| 19. Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick            | 42. The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame              |
| 20. Heidi by Angela Johnson                         | 43. The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare  |
| 21. Holes by Louis Sachar                           | 44. They Cay by Thoedore Taylor                             |
| 22. Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt                     | 45. Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls                |
| 23. Hoot by Carl Hiaasen                            |   |

# Classic Literature

**\*These books are traditionally taught in high school and college. Some are very difficult and are for students looking for and ready for a challenge. Edgewood recommends you preview the book for your child before making an appropriate selection.**

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| 1. 1984 by George Orwell   | 24. The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury                     |
| 2. A Kitchen God's Wife by Amy Tan   | 25. The Island of Dr. Moreau by H.G. Wells                  |
| 3. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carol | 26. The Invisible Man by H.G. Wells                         |
| 4. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carol                               | 27. The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan                            |
| 5. Animal Farm by George Orwell  | 28. The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling                      |
| 6. Brave New World by Aidous Huxley  | 29. The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery           |
| 7. Call of the Wild by Jack London   | 30. The Maltese Falcon by George Bernard Shaw               |
| 8. Dracula by Bram Stoker  | 31. The Man in the Iron Mask by Alexandre Dumas             |
| 9. Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes  | 32. The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury                  |
| 10. Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison   | 33. The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway             |
| 11. Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne                            | 34. The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain                 |
| 12. King Solomon's Mines by Robert Louis Stevenson                               | 35. The Return of the King by J.R.R. Tolkien (Book 3)       |
| 13. Little Men by Louisa May Alcott  | 36. The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett            |
| 14. Little Women by Louisa May Alcott  | 37. The Story of King Arthur and His Knights by Howard Pyle |
| 15. Lord of the Flies by William Golding   | 38. The Sword and the Stone by T.H. White                   |
| 16. Mysterious Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Cona Doyle            | 39. The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas                 |
| 17. Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens  | 40. The Time Machine by H.G. Wells                          |
| 18. Slaughterhouse-five by Kurt Vonnegut   | 41. The Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien (Book 2)               |
| 19. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain                             | 42. Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevnsen                |
| 20. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain                                   | 43. Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne    |
| 21. The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas                                 | 44. War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells                         |
| 22. The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien (Book 1)                        | 45. White Fang by Jack London                               |
| 23. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald                                      |   |