

## **Middle School Summer Reading Challenge:**

Students are encouraged to read a variety of other texts alongside their assigned text. Those students who **read at least 20 books** (of at least *100 pages in length*) this summer, will be rewarded with a party to celebrate! Please bring a list of texts with the title, author and page count of each book signed by your parents as verification. Any books over 400 pages will count as two. Below is a list of suggested titles to browse if you are looking for recommendations.

### **Historical Fiction**

*Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry* by Mildred Taylor

*A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson

*The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

*Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt

*Kira Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata

*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

*Bamboo People* by Mitali Perkins

*The Circuit and Breaking Through* by Francisco Jimenez

*Burning Up* by Caroline Cooney

*Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys

*The Other Side of the Sky* by Farah Ahmed

## Science Fiction/Fantasy/Adventure

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton E. Stewart - Any of the sequels too!

*The Percy Jackson Series* by Rick Riordan (Begins with *The Lightning Thief*)

*The Kane Chronicles Series* by Rick Riordan (Begins with *The Red Pyramid*)

*The Heroes of Olympus Series* by Rick Riordan (Begins with *The Lost Hero*)

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

*The Underneath* by Kathi Appelt

*The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* by Kathi Appelt

*The Real Boy* by Anne Ursu

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

*The Hero's Guide to Saving our Kingdom* by Christopher Healy and other books of the series

*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner and the other books of the series

*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

*Breadcrumbs* by Anne Ursu

*Stormbreaker* (Alex Rider series) by Anthony Horowitz

*Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling and other books of the series

*What Came from the Stars* by Gary Schmidt

*Gregor the Overlander* (Underland Chronicles series) by Suzanne Collins

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

*Tesla's Attic* by Neal Shusterman

## Realistic Fiction

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*The Middle of Somewhere* by J. B. Cheaney

*Hit the Road* by Caroline Cooney

*The Vacation* by Polly Horvath

*The Crossover* (series) by Kwame Alexander

*Heat* by Mike Lupica

*First Boy* by Gary Schmidt

*A View From Saturday* by E.L.Konigsburg

*Ida B: . . . and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World* by Katherine Hannigan

*True (...Sort of)* by Katherine Hannigan

*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor

*Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

*Blended* by Sharon Draper

*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

*The Schwa was Here* by Neal Shusterman

*Antsy Does Time* (sequel to *The Schwa was Here*) by Neal Shusterman

*Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

*Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes

*Liar and Spy* by Rebecca Stead

*Breakfast on Mars* by Brad Wolf

*As Easy as Falling off the Face of the Earth* by Lynne Rae Perkins

*Criss Cross* by Lynne Rae Perkins

*The Not-So-Star-Spangled Life of Sunita Sen* by Mitali Perkins

*The Absolute Value of Mike* by Kathryn Erskine

*Smile* by Raina Telgemeier

*Zen and the Art of Faking it* by Jordan Sonnenblick

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

*When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt

*Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen

*No Turning Back*– Beverley Naidoo

*Monsoon Summer* by Mitali Perkins

*One for the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea

*Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graf

*Curveball, The Year I Lost my Grip* by Jordan Sonnenblick

*Paperboy* by Vince Vawter

*If You Come Softly* by Jacqueline Woodson

*Small as an Elephant* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson

*I'll Be There* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

*A Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass

*The Center of Everything* by Linda Urban

*A Tangle of Knots* by Lisa Graff

*Pay It Forward, Young Reader's Version* by Catherine Ryan Hyde

*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*Better off Friends* by Elizabeth Eulberg

*I Kill the Mockingbird* by Paul Acampora

*Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graf

*Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo

*Just Call My Name* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

*Fortunately the Milk* by Neil Gaiman

*Summer of the Gypsy Moths* by Sara Pennypacker

*The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds

*Ship Out of Luck* by Neal Shusterman (a companion novel to *The Schwa Was Here*)

*See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Chang

*Short* by Holly Goldberg Sloan (Amazing!! Same author as *Counting by 7s*)

*Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story* by Nora Raleigh Baskin

*The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

*Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

*Eleven* by Tom Rogers

## Classics

*A Girl of the Limberlost* by Gene Stratton-Porter

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne

*Souder* by William H. Armstrong

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

*Call of the Wild* by Jack London

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

*The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis

*Lord of the Rings* trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien

*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Anne of Green Gables* by L. M. Montgomery and the other books in the series

*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

*My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

*My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell

## **Non-Fiction**

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition* - William Kamkwamba

*I am Malala: Young Readers Edition* - Malala Yousafzai

*Hidden Figures: Young Reader's Edition* - Margot Lee Shetterly

*No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits* - Jordan Romero

*Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* - Brian Floca

*Lifting as we Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box* - Evette Dionne

*Lies My Teacher Told Me: Young Readers' Edition: Everything American History Textbooks Get Wrong* - James W. Loewen

*1493 for Young People* - Charles Mann; Rebecca Stefoff (Adapted by)

*It Happened in America* - Lila Perl

*Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain* - Russell Freedman

*Kids on Strike!* - Susan Campbell Bartoletti

*Warriors Don't Cry* - Melba Pattillo Beals

*Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case* - Chris Crowe

*A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919* - Claire Hartfield

*Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin* - James L. Swanson