

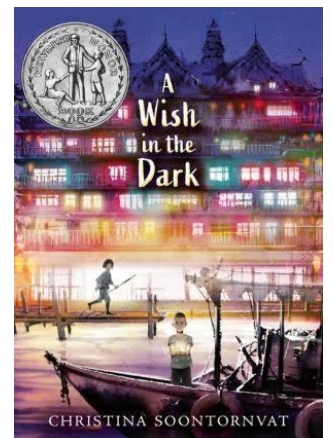
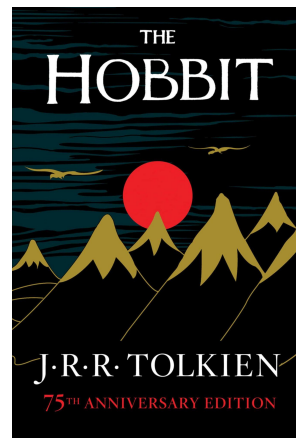
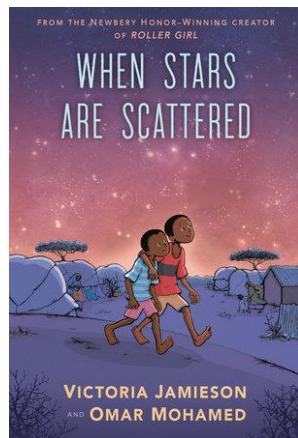
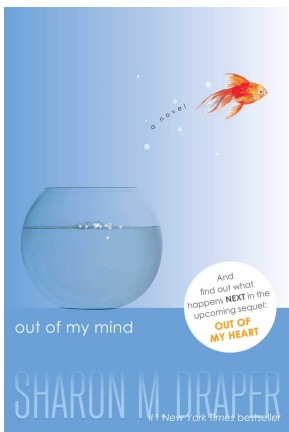
# Summer Reading

**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

*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 review the information with their Language and Literature teacher. Please bring this book with you during the first week of school.

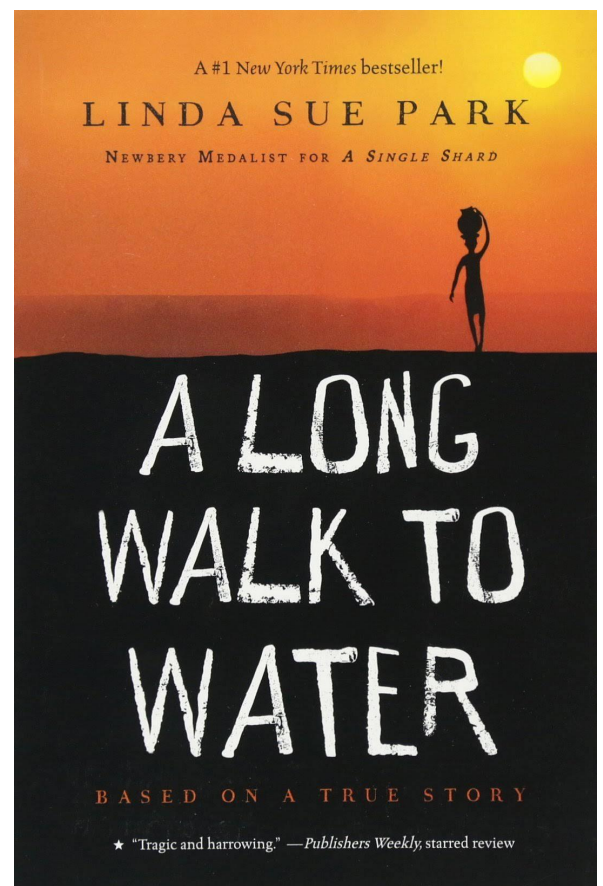
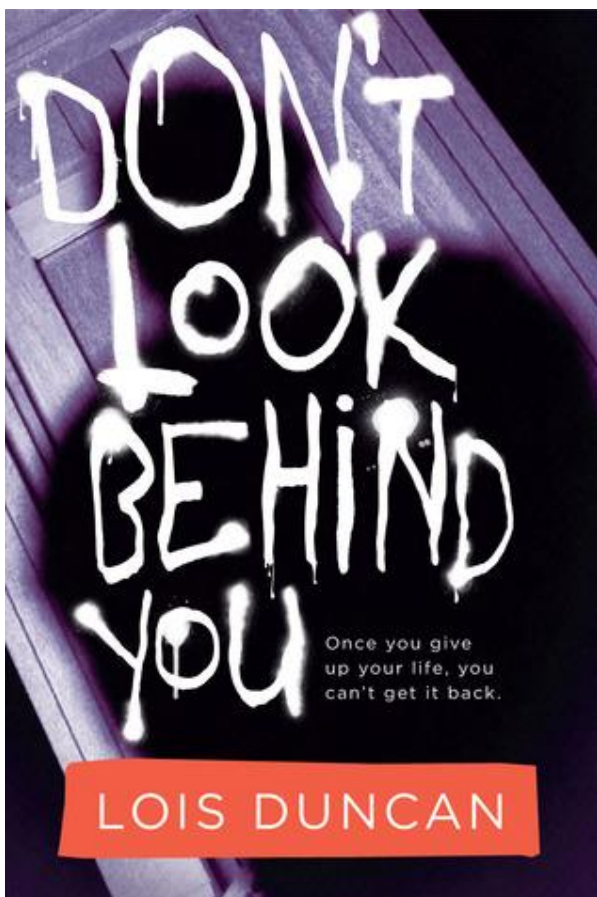
Movie Trailer on Book of Choice - Please read a book of your choosing. It should be a novel that is appropriate for your age and reading skill level. Be prepared to create a digital book trailer video that includes a brief summary of the novel's major characters and events without giving away too much of the story's plot. This will not take place until the first week of school. This will give students the opportunity to ask questions and review the information with their Language and Literature teacher. 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 diagnostic 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 review the information with their Language and Literature teacher. Please bring this book with you during the first week of school.

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park - 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 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 below in order to prepare for a project at the beginning of the academic year.

### 8th Grade Choice Books

*The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr* by Judith St. George.

Judith St. George's lively biography, told in alternating chapters, brings to life two complex men who played major roles in the formation of the United States.

*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand.

When his Army Air Forces bomber crashed, a former Olympian athlete learns the meaning of perseverance.

*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.

*Uprising* by Margaret Peterson Haddix.

The fire at the Triangle Waist Company in New York City claimed the lives of 146 young immigrant workers and is the setting for this compelling look at the women who worked in the garment industry.

*Behind Rebel Lines* by Seymour Reit

In 1861, when the Civil War erupted, Emma Edmonds was determined not to remain on the sidelines. She cropped her hair, donned men's clothing, and enlisted in the Union Army.

## 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 judgment when picking a book that is appropriate for your child.

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

*The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen

*The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

*Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

*The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman

*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 Carson Levine

*Red Kayak* by Priscilla Cummings

*When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson  
and Omar Mohamed

*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

*The 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

*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

*The 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

*Prom and Prejudice* by Elizabeth Eulberg

*Ransom* by Lois Duncan

*Just Listen* by Sarah Dessen

*A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat

*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

# 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 (training longer than 15 minutes in one day) of Membean over the summer with an accuracy of 75 or better, you will earn extra credit to be applied to your formative grade first semester in your Language and Literature class!

- **Membean Challenge**

If you complete the Membean extra credits, listed above, you will be invited to participate in the Membean Challenge. The Membean Challenge will take place during the first two weeks of school. Your Language and Literature 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!