

MSA Middle School Summer Reading 2023

1. **WHICH BOOK(s) should I read?**

Please look closely at the next page and use the grade appropriate links.

2. **WHEN should I read my book(s)? Choose a plan from the list below**

Whenever you read, once you start - KEEP GOING!

- Some successful students read their selections early in summer, and then use online **review** services in August to help recall the details. This plan works well, but not without the review piece.
- Other students **buy their books and/or audiobooks early** to be sure that they have them. They keep track of their purchases, then do their reading at the end of the summer to be fresh with details. This plan works well for them.
- Some students read a chapter – then read a summary of it online – to be sure they understand fully. This plan works well and it is not cheating (*unless you skip reading the actual book!*)
- Some students wait until the last minute to locate the book, rush to buy it, pay extra shipping, and try to read the book in two days. Some look for book summaries online and try to ‘fake it.’ They all feel stressed, and start out the year feeling like they are already ‘messing up.’ This strategy does not work well.

3. Should I write **A REPORT OF SOME KIND?**

Yes! Please keep your emails open for directions on your Movie Plan project in early June (mandatory for Rising 7 & 8; Extra Credit for Rising 6).

4. **Will we also use SUMMER READING IN CLASS?**

Your teacher may organize activities around the book when we return to school.

We monitor email during summer months, should you have a question.

But be patient in case we are at the beach!

We hope you enjoy your book! :)

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Learning Ally and Bookshare are both available for most, if not all, selections.

Middle School: Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

Daniel recommends
some
novels for you to enjoy!

Dear Students,

The 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Summer Reading program is designed to encourage and inspire reading, as well as promote a consistent sense of scholastic engagement over the summer break. For this year's summer reading requirement, you will only need to choose ONE age-appropriate book to read and complete. **Links have been provided to an extensive list of book titles that are acceptable summer reading books for rising 6th/7th/8th graders.** You also have the option to choose a book that is not included on this list, provided that your parents can approve of it.

6thGrade:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/summer-reading-6th-grade>

7th Grade:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/7th-grade-summer-reading>

8th Grade:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/8th-grade-summer-reading>

As you approach summer reading, the important thing for you to remember is that reading is fun. The most significant advantage of reading is that the more one reads, the more one can enjoy one of the enduring pleasures of civilized men and women. I hope that you will take summer reading seriously, not because reading is work, but because the habit of reading good books will enrich your life experience and open up new possibilities for enjoyment throughout your life. **Please choose your book carefully! Find a title that sounds interesting and possibly inspiring to you.**

More details and instructions will be sent with an accompanying Movie Plan assignment in early June. The assignment is extra credit for rising 6th graders only: the reading is still required! 7th and 8th graders must read and complete the Movie Plan assignment

Be sure to talk to Ms. Brittany about getting an audio book if you need to. Her email is on the first page!

