

## Middle School Summer Reading Assignment 2023

### 6th Grade Summer Reading

Students entering 6th grade will need to read at least one of the following books in English before the start of school. When they arrive at their 6th grade English class, they will complete a series of assignments about the book that they have read.

Your [Lexile Score](#) can be found on your most recent Spring NWEA Reports under the Reading test. This information is provided as a *guide*; students can choose any book from this list that appeals to them.

Incoming 6th Graders		
Title and Genre	Abstract of novel	Age and Lexile
<b><i>Hatchet</i></b> Gary Paulsen Fiction	Hatchet is a young-adult adventure novel about Brian Robeson's survival following a plane crash. The novel explores themes of positive thinking and perseverance as Brian faces challenges from nature, like bears, porcupines, dehydration, and starvation; all with only his trusty hatchet to help him.	Age 11 + Lexile: 1020
<b><i>Smile</i></b> Raina Telgemeier Graphic Novel	Eleven-year-old Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after a trip-and-fall mishap, she injures her two front teeth.	Age 10 + Lexile: 410
<b><i>Interworld</i></b> Neil Gaiman Science Fiction	The story of Joey Harker, a very average kid who discovers that his world is only one of a trillion alternate earths.	Age 10 + Lexile: 830
<b><i>Kingdom of Back</i></b> Marie Lu Fantasy	Two siblings. Two brilliant talents. But only one Mozart. Born with a gift for music, Nannerl Mozart has just one wish--to be remembered forever.	Age 12 + Lexile: 790
<b><i>Sugar Changed the World</i></b> Marc Aronson Non-fiction	The globe-spanning story of the sweet substance and to seek out the voices of those who led bitter sugar lives.  *Not available in Sora	Age 11 + Lexile: 1130

## Middle School Summer Reading Assignment 2023

### 7th Grade Summer Reading

Students entering 7th grade will need to read at least one of the following books in English before the start of school. When they arrive at their 7th grade English class, they will complete a series of assignments about the book that they have read.

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Incoming 7th graders		
Title and Genre	Abstract of novel	Lexile
<b><i>The Maze Runner</i></b> James Dashner  Science Fiction	Thomas knows who he is, but that's it. Finding himself trapped in a walled encampment he has to choose friends and alliances carefully to survive the dangers of the maze. Thrilling and edgy.	Lexile: 770
<b><i>Touching Spirit Bear</i></b> Ben Mikaelson Fiction	When Cole Mathews commits a terrible crime, the judge gives him an unusual choice: jail time or a rehabilitation program on a remote Alaskan wilderness island. He chooses the latter and soon has to fight for his life in a captivating story of survival and will.	Lexile: 730
<b><i>Bud Not Buddy</i></b> Christopher Paul Curtis  Fiction	It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan. Times may be hard, and ten-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but Bud's got a few great ideas. One of these great ideas is about a mysterious flier he hopes will lead him to his father. Once he decides to hit the road to find this mystery man, nothing can stop him—not hunger, not fear, not vampires, not even Herman E. Calloway himself.	Lexile: 950
<b><i>Hoot</i></b> Carl Hiaasen  Fiction	Everybody loves Mother Paula's pancakes. Everybody, that is, except the colony of cute but endangered owls that live on the building site of the new restaurant. Can the awkward new kid and his feral friend prank the pancake people out of town? Or is the owls' fate cemented in pancake batter?	Lexile: 760
<b><i>The Book Thief</i></b> Markus Zusak  Historical Fiction	It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl who scratches out a meager existence by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist: books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids, as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.	Lexile: 730

## Middle School Summer Reading Assignment 2023

### 8th Grade Summer Reading

All students entering 8th grade will need to read *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins as a start to our dystopian unit. They will complete multiple class assignments around this novel when they arrive in their 8th grade English class. Students are able to check out this book digitally using the school platform: Sora. [Check out this video](#) about how to download the app (on a tablet or phone) and how to log in. You can also read the book on [the Sora webpage](#), logging in with your ASF username.

Incoming 8th graders		
Title and Genre	Abstract of novel	Lexile
<b><i>The Hunger Games</i></b> By: Suzanne Collins  Dystopian	This novel is the story of Katniss Everdeen, a 16-year-old girl who offers herself as a tribute in the annual Hunger Games in the post-apocalyptic world of Panem. Katniss has to overcome numerous challenges throughout these “games” in which only one person will be left standing.	<b>810L</b>