



The Gow School

June 16, 2023

Dear Families,

Each summer, we ask our students to complete a summer reading assignment. Students select a book off our summer reading list and then fill out a report once they have finished their book. This year, our students picked their books at school and received hard copies to take home with them.

At Gow, students are given 20 minutes at the start of each evening study hall to read a book of their choice. The students log the pages they read and respond to prompts that help facilitate comprehension. Our goal is to encourage our students to develop academic habits that will help them find success in higher education and beyond. In addition, we know that when students are given time in school each day to read a book of their choice, they do better academically and on standardized tests like the ACT.

Establishing a reading routine this summer is a great way to help your children strengthen their reading habits and maintain the progress they made this past school year. They should complete their summer reading assignment, and then they are encouraged to keep reading.

The summer reading list can be found on the back of this letter. In addition, a copy of the summer reading report has been included in this mailing. The summer reading list and report forms can also be found on the School's website. If your son or daughter is having trouble with their summer reading book, you can reach out to our librarian, Ms. Kiersten McQuestion, at kmcquestion@gow.org. She can help your child access an audiobook version of their book. The summer reading report should be turned in to Ms. McQuestion by Monday, September 4th.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at bthompson@gow.org. You can also reach out to your son or daughter's Reconstructive Language teacher from this past school year.

Sincerely,

Brian W. Thompson
Reconstructive Language Department Chair

Summer Reading Book Lists 2023

7th/8th Grades

Genre	Title
Historical	<i>Lyddie</i> by Katherine Paterson
Science Fiction	<i>The Wild Robot</i> by Peter Brown
Fantasy	<i>The Secret of Platform 13</i> by Eva Ibbotson
Mystery	<i>Belly Up</i> by Stuart Gibbs
Horror	<i>Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery</i> by Deborah and James Howe
Sports	<i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli
Realistic Fiction	<i>Frindle</i> by Andrew Clements
Poetry	<i>Love That Dog</i> by Sharon Creech
Non-Fiction	<i>Red Scarf Girl</i> by Ji-Li Jiang

9th/10th Grades

Genre	Author
Historical	<i>The War that Saved My Life</i> by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Science Fiction	<i>Miles Morales Spider-Man</i> by Jason Reynolds
Fantasy	<i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i> by Ursula K LeGuin
Mystery	<i>Greenglass House</i> by Kate Milford
Horror	<i>Doll Bones</i> by Holly Black
Sports	<i>Tangerine</i> by Edward Bloor
Realistic Fiction	<i>The Wednesday Wars</i> by Gary D. Schmidt
Poetry	<i>Out of the Dust</i> by Karen Hesse

11th/12th Grades

Genre	Title
Historical	<i>Code Name Verity</i> by Elizabeth Wein
Science Fiction	<i>Frankenstein</i> by Mary Shelley
Fantasy	<i>Scythe</i> by Neal Schusterman
Mystery	<i>If You're Out There</i> by Katy Loutzenhiser
Horror	<i>Something Wicked This Way Comes</i> by Ray Bradbury
Sports	<i>Furia</i> by Yamile Saied Mendez
Realistic Fiction	<i>Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London
Poetry	<i>Make Lemonade</i> by Virginia Euwer Wolff
Non-Fiction	<i>Bonnie and Clyde: The Making of a Legend</i> by Karen Blumenthal