

# Summer Reading

## 2024-2025

### Required Reading

Students in grades 6-8 are **required to read two novels from the assigned Sunshine State Book List**. See attached lists on the following pages

**There is an expectation of completion for every student in Middle School to read one Sunshine State Book this summer. Students will be asked to complete a comprehension assessment upon their return to school in August. The test will be specific to one of the two novels that is read from the required list.**

### Suggested Reading

Entering 6th - 8th Grade

- We encourage daily reading, whether it is independent, shared or in conjunction with an audio text (eyes should always be on text with audio).
- Set goals of pages read instead of minutes read
  - Use small Post-Its to tag every 20-30 pgs. - this provides a tangible, achievable SMART goal each day.
- Utilize the list of books included here for suggested reading
  - Middle School students **MUST** read two books as **REQUIRED** reading from the provided SSYRA grade level list.

**Student's First and Last Name:**

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**Grade Level:**

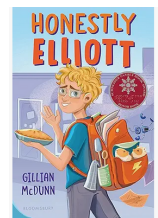
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You must read **TWO** books from the following list of Sunshine State Book List-  
EXPECT to take a test on ONE of your books when we return in August.



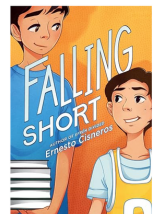
Better with Butter by Victoria Piontek



Honestly Elliot by Gillian McDunn



The Super Teacher Project by Gordon Korman



Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros



Manatee Summer by Evan Griffith



Second Hand Dogs by Carolyn Crimi



Good Dogs on a Bad Day by Rachel Wenitsky and David Sidorov



Glitch by Laura Martin



The Girl Who Built a Spider by George Brewington

If you finish your 2 MUST reads from the above list, and are looking for more to read, check out the rest of the Sunshine State Books (see the attached list)!

# Sunshine State Young Readers

## 2024 - 2025 List

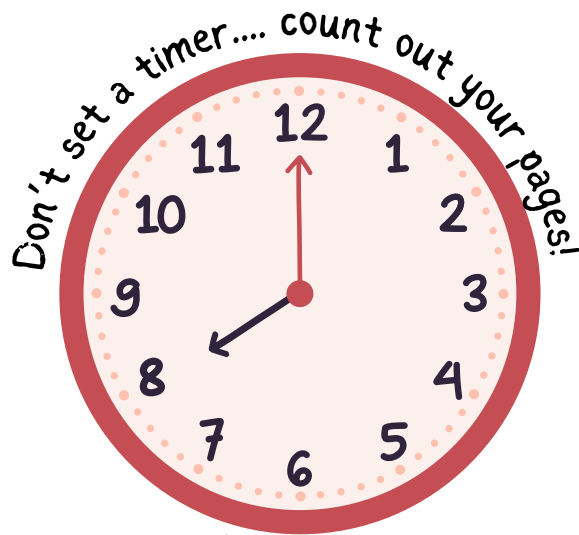


Lighter Read  
for Most

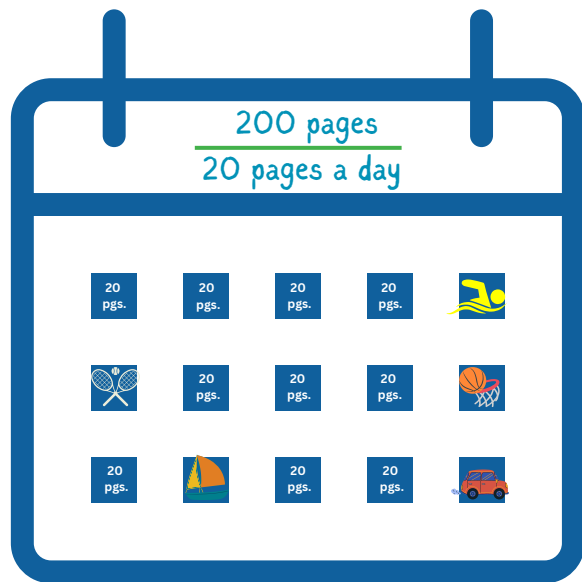
More Challenging  
Read for Most



# Strategies for Middle School SUMMER Reading



Set a goal of reading 10 - 20 pages everytime you sit down with your book! Tag every 20 pages with a Post-It and you'll know how many days it should take to read the book in all!



Tag a Post-It at the end of each chapter - write one big idea or a connection you made. This will help you with your test in August!



Start with books that will be a quick read - then challenge yourself to read a book you wouldn't normally pick up! You only grow as a reader when you stretch your thinking.

The more you read,  
the more you grow your capacity for learning.