

Welcome Incoming 8th Grade Students!

The 8th-grade teachers want to congratulate you on completing 7th grade!

The primary mission we want to accomplish with summer reading is simple:

WE WANT YOU TO READ!

We want you to read at least **two books** this summer. You may pick any grade-level books you wish from any genre you want. **We do not require any written assignments over the summer, but we want you to keep those reading skills sharp!**

If you need help choosing books, we have a few suggestions. These are just suggestions that we know students your age have enjoyed in the past. You don't need to worry about which ELA teacher you have...we want you to read!

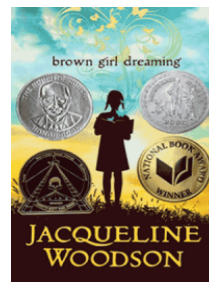
Recommended titles:

1. *The Hunger Games*
2. *Catching Fire*
3. *Mockingjay*

Books by Suzanne Collins

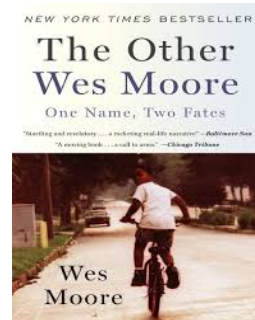
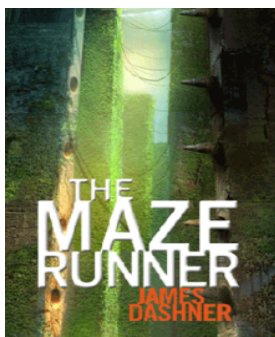


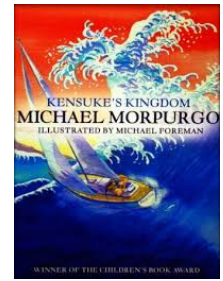
4. *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
 - The memoir of a young African American girl is told in verse. Don't let the "verse" throw you off. It's not rhyming verse, but rather storytelling in concise language.



5. *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore

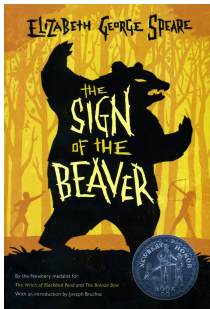
6. *The Maze Runner*
by James Dashner





7. *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo

- If you liked *Hatchet*, you would LOVE *Kensuke's Kingdom*. When Michael's father loses his job, he buys a boat and convinces Michael and his mother to sail around the world. It starts as the perfect family adventure — until Michael is swept overboard. He's washed up on an island, where he struggles to survive. He discovers that he is not alone. An elderly Japanese man named Kensuke has lived on the island since the bombing of his native Nagasaki. The two develop a close understanding, but the rescue question continues to divide them.

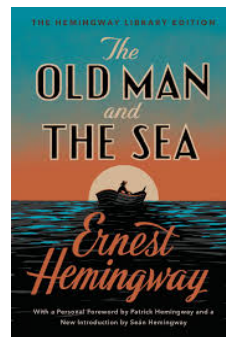
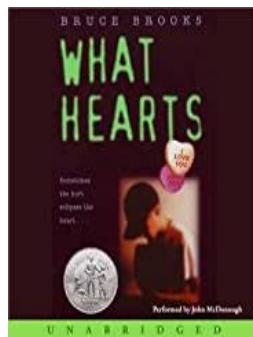


8. *The Sign of the Beaver*

by Elizabeth George Steare

- Twelve-year-old Matt is left alone in the Maine wilderness while his father leaves to bring the rest of the family to their new settlement. When he befriends Attean, an Indian chief's grandson, he is invited to join the Beaver tribe and move north. Should Matt abandon his hopes of ever seeing his family again and go on to a new life?

9. *What Hearts* by Bruce Brooks



10. *The Old Man and The Sea* by Ernest Hemingway