

2025 Middle School Summer Reading Lists

Middle School Grades 6 – 8

Summer Reading Requirements:

Students may be required to read up to three books over the summer:

- One required book (the top title on the grade-level reading list)
- One fiction book of their choice from the grade-level list
- One nonfiction book of their choice from the same list

At the beginning of the school year, students will engage in activities related to their summer reading, as directed by their English teachers. These may include both written and oral components.

Once students have completed the required reading, they are encouraged to explore additional titles from their grade-level list.

6th grade		
Required Book	Text	Author
	Hello, Universe (978-0062414168)	Erin Entrada Kelly
Fiction Book	The King of Shadows	Susan Cooper
	Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
	The Crossover	Kwame Alexander
	Heart of a Samurai	Margi Preus
	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Robert C. O'Brien
	Peak	Roland Smith
	The Seer of Shadows	Avi
	Throwing Heat	Fred Bowen
	Powerless	Matthew Cody
	The London Eye Mystery	Siobhan Dowd
	Bound	Donna Jo Napoli

	How To Get Rich in the California Gold Rush	Tod Olson
	Off to Be the Wizard	Scott Meyer
	City of Ember	Jeanne DuPraue
	Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
	Black Stallion	Walter Farley
Non-Fiction Book	Tracking Trash	Loree Griffin Burns
	Hana's Suitcase	Karen Levine
	Ancient China by Arthur Cotterell Stranger on the Silk Road: A Story of Ancient China	Jessica Gunderson
	Legacies from Ancient Rome	Anita Ganeri
	Accidental Archaeologists	Sarah Albee
	Lincoln's Grave Robbers	Steve Sheinkin
	All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team	Christina Soontornvat
	I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai (Young Readers Edition)

7th grade		
Required Book	Text	Author
	The Storyteller (978-1338797268)	Brandon Hobson
Fiction Book	Wonder (Illustrated Edition) (978-0593378175)	R.J. Palacio
	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor
	Divergent	Veronica Roth (Series)
	Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
	Things Not Seen	Andrew Clements

	The Call of the Wild	Jack London
	Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
	Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card (Series)
	The Three Musketeers	Alexandre Dumas
	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
	The Fault in Our Stars Paper Towns	John Green
	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams
	The Door in the Wall	Marguerite De Angeli
	The Kite Rider	Geraldine McCaughrean
	Killing Mr. Griffin (978-1561373437)	Lois Duncan
	A Long Walk to Water (978-1432875923)	Linda Sue Parks
	A Thousand Beginnings and Endings (978-0062671158)	ed. Ellen Oh and Elsie Chapman
	Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens (978-0374306502)	ed. Marieke Nijkamp
Non-Fiction Book	Snow Falling in Spring	Moying Li
	How Rome Fell: Death of a Superpower	Adrian Goldsworthy
	The Life of the Prophet Muhammad	Leila Azzam
	Aztecs and Maya: What Life was Like for Ancient Civilizations in Central America	Fiona MacDonald
	Machu Picchu: The Story of the Amazing Incas and Their City in the Clouds	Elizabeth Mann

	The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Heroism, Adventure and Treachery	Steve Sheinkin
	The President Has Been Shot: The Assassination of JFK	James L. Swanson
	Red Scarf Girl: A memoir of the Cultural Revolution	Ji-li Jiang and David Henry Hwang
	Silent Spring	Rachel Carson

8th grade		
Required Book	Text	Author
	No Summit Out of Sight (978-1481432764)	Jordan Romero with Linda LeBlanc
Fiction Book	When My Name was Keoko	Linda Sue Park
	The Boy at the Top of the Mountain	John Boyne
	The Last Train to London	Meg Waite Clayton
	Million Dollar Throw	Mike Lupica
	A Mango Shaped Space	Wendy Mass
	The Count of Monte Cristo	Alexandre Dumas
	The Benefits of Being an Octopus	Ann Braden
	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi
	Jurassic Park	Michael Crichton
	Homecoming	Cindy Voigt
	The Time Machine	H.G. Wells
	Twenty-thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Jules Verne
Non-Fiction	Chew on This – Everything You Want to Know About Fast Food	Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson

	Miracle on the Hudson: The Extraordinary Real-Life Story Behind Flight 1549, by the Survivors	By the Survivors, with William Prochnau and Laura Parker
	Chasing Lincoln's Killer: The Search for John Wilkes Booth	James L. Swanson
	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Reader's Edition)	William Kamkwamba and Brayn Mealer, illustrated by Anna Hymas
	Farewell to Manzanar	Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
	Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books	Gary Paulsen
	Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem	Rosalyn Schanzer
	The Boys in the Boat - Young Reader's Edition	James Brown