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Dear Incoming Eighth Grader,

In an effort to keep your reading skills sharp and fresh, your English teachers would like for you to read a minimum of one book and fulfill the annotation assignment below. Please view the recommended list of texts below (however, you can read any book you like). Be prepared to use your annotations in September for an in-class assignment. This is a mandatory assignment and you should read at least one book from this list. Have a great summer!

Sticky Note Annotations

Directions: Please develop a relationship with your book by completing sticky note annotations. You must create at least 25 sticky note annotations. You should stick your notes on the page your note relates to.

Why annotate?

- It helps you **read actively**
- It helps you **remember information** from the story
- It helps you **construct meaning** and **understand** the book more

Ideas for Sticky Notes:

- **Information** or **opinions** about characters
- Something about a **character's personality** or history
- **Questions** about characters
- Information you're **confused** about
- What are you **wondering** about?
- **Connections** to your life
- **Connections** to other books or to movies
- **Predictions**
- Your **reactions** to particular scenes
- New **vocabulary** words with definitions
- **Insights** you have
- Something you **like or don't like** in the story
- **Figurative language** (imagery, metaphors, similes, personification, symbolism, etc)

FMS Summer Reading Recommendations 2025 - Students Entering 8th Grade

Titles listed below are available at the Hastings Public Library and Vanishing Ink Bookstore.

We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez

You Have A Match by Emma Lord

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

You Should See Me In A Crown by Leah Johnson

Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone by Tae Keller

Scythe by Neal Shusterman (first in a series)

Cemetery Boys by Aidan Thomas

The Fort by Gordon Korman

Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir by Robin Ha (graphic novel)

Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (graphic novel)

Caste (Adapted for Young Adults) by Isabel Wilkerson (nonfiction)

Killers of the Flower Moon: Adapted for Young Readers: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann (nonfiction)

Free Lunch by Rex Ogle (nonfiction)