

Mountview Middle School
Summer Reading Suggested Book List 2026 ~ Entering Grade 7

*Attached is a list of suggested reading books for all students entering grade seven at Mountview Middle School. These titles are **only suggested ones** as **we would like students to read books and genres that they enjoy over the summer.** We encourage you to spend some time browsing at the library or your local bookstore.*

In September, students may be asked to share about a favorite book they read this summer. Nothing needs to be passed in to start the year. **Enjoy your reading this summer!** We look forward to sharing those experiences with you in the fall.

Suggested titles from your seventh grade teachers:

Realistic Fiction:

Wonder – R. J. Palacio

- A powerful story about kindness, empathy, and fitting in.

Restart – Gordon Korman

- A boy gets a second chance after losing his memory—funny and meaningful.

Front Desk – Kelly Yang

- A heartfelt story about immigration, family, and perseverance.

Fantasy and Adventure:

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan

- Greek mythology meets modern adventure—fast-paced and funny.

Amari and the Night Brothers – B. B. Alston

- A magical academy story with mystery and strong themes of belonging.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon – Kelly Barnhill

- A beautifully written fantasy about magic, love, and truth.

Mystery and Suspense:

The Westing Game – Ellen Raskin

- A classic puzzle mystery with twists and quirky characters.

Greenglass House – Kate Milford

- A cozy winter mystery full of secrets and storytelling.

Historical Fiction:

Refugee – Alan Gatz

- Three powerful stories of young refugees across different time periods.

Number the Stars – Lois Lowry

- A moving World War II story about courage and friendship.

Dystopian:

Among the Hidden – Margaret Peterson Haddix

- A suspenseful story set in a society with strict population control.

The Last Cuentista – Donna Barba Higuera

- A mix of sci-fi and dystopia about memory, identity, and storytelling.

Challenging Texts:

The Hobbit – J. R. R. Tolkien

- A great entry into complex fantasy writing with rich descriptions and vocabulary.

A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L'Engle

- Blends science, philosophy, and adventure—great for deep thinkers.

The Golden Compass – Philip Pullman

- A layered fantasy with big ideas about truth, authority, and identity.

Eragon – Christopher Paolini

- A long, immersive fantasy that challenges stamina and comprehension.

The City of Ember – Jeanne DuPrau

- A thoughtful dystopian story with layered problem-solving.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred D. Taylor

- Historical fiction with emotional depth and important social themes.

The Book Thief – Markus Zusak

- More advanced in structure and narration—best for mature readers.

The Mysterious Benedict Society – Trenton Lee Stewart

- Packed with puzzles, logic, and higher-level vocabulary.

Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle

- Classic mystery with more formal, older-style language.

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

- A classic adventure with challenging language and pacing.

The War That Saved My Life – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

- Emotionally layered with strong character development.