Eighth Grade Summer Reading List 2026

All eighth grade students must read Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* (Simon and Schuster – ISBN # 978-0-684-80122-3). This book will form the basis of our initial studies and writing in the first weeks of school. Students should also read at least one other book from the following list:

Adams, Richard - *Watership Down*
Bellairs, John - *The House with a Clock in its Walls*
Blackwood, Gary - The Shakespeare Stealer
Bradbury, Ray – *The Martian Chronicles*
Bradbury, Ray – *The Illustrated Man*
Bradbury, Ray – *Something Wicked This Way Comes*
Card, Orson Scott – *Ender's Game*
Christie, Agatha - *Murder is Announced*
Cooper, James Fenimore - *The Last of the Mohicans*
Cooper, Susan - *The Dark is Rising*
Cormier, Robert - *I Am the Cheese*
Cormier, Robert – *Beyond the Chocolate War*
Dickens, Charles - *The Old Curiosity Shop*
Earley, Tony - *Jim the Boy*
Fitzgerald, F. Scott - *The Great Gatsby*
Funke, Cornelia - *The Thief Lord*
Hesse, Karen - *Stowaway*
Hobbs, Will – *The Big Wander*
Hobbs, Will – *Jason's Gold*
Hunt, Irene - *No Promises in the Wind*
Jacques, Brian – *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman*
Lipsyte, Robert - *The Brave*
London, Jack - *Call of the Wild*
London, Jack - *White Fang*
Orwell, George - *1984*
Paton, Alan - *Cry the Beloved Country*
Pyle, Howard - *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*
Salinger, J.D - *Catcher in the Rye*
Spinelli, Jerry - *Loser*
Steinbeck, John - *Of Mice and Men*
Steinbeck, John - *The Grapes of Wrath*
Swift, Jonathan - *Gulliver's Travels*
Tolkien, J.R.R – *The Fellowship of the Ring*
Verne, Jules - *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*
Wiesel, Elie - *Night*
Wilder, Thornton - *Our Town*