

Student Name: _____

Grade Entering in August 2026: _____

ADVANCED READER'S PASSPORT

Grades 6-8

Leaders Carry the Story Forward

Middle School Anchors,

Every great journey begins with curiosity. This year at Anchorage, we explored themes of discovery, productive struggle, leadership, innovation, momentum, and the power of “not yet.”

Let's carry it forward...

This summer, challenge your thinking to read beyond your comfort zone and carry your learning forward into new ideas, perspectives, places, and possibilities. **Complete activities and document your progress in a “passport” reading/writing journal to earn your TRAILBLAZER**

READER recognition. Complete activities and document in Passport = **Explorer Reader**

- Complete 20 activities and document in Passport = **Trailblazer Reader**
- Complete 30 Activities and document in Passport = **Reading Ambassador**
- Families can join in the fun! At least three times, use Hashtag **#AnchorageReads2026!** and tag Anchorage Public School's Instagram or FaceBook page on any of your family's Reading Adventures = **APS Reading Influencer**

Passports are due to the Superintendent's Office: 8.14.26

Step 1: Design your Passport; this could be a composition book, small journal, or papers stapled together. This will become a collection of your reading/writing adventures this summer. Decorate it or not-it's up to you! Be sure to include this checksheet in the front or back cover or do your own table of contents.

Step 2: Middle school students should set a goal to read 500+ pages this summer. Any of the activities may be applied to your reading selections. Review activities you would like to complete to fit your text choices. **Set a goal, make a plan.** You are in charge of your itinerary! Please include your goals at the beginning of your journal, including book lists and page numbers.

Step 3: Document your “travels” and turn in your passport to Superintendent Six by Friday, August 14, 2026. Each activity you complete must have some form of documentation or “receipts.”

Upon review in “customs,” all passports will be returned to their owners for future travel adventures!

Passport Stops: Wander with Wonder

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Middle School Reading List Suggestions (6-8)

1. Read in five different locations.
2. Write a book recommendation for another reader.
3. Create an entry to illustrate a way you've been challenged through reading.
4. Reflect on the theme of perseverance exhibited/not exhibited by a book character.
5. Share how you've changed your thinking in some way—by reading a book.
6. Illustrate something funny that occurred in one of your text selections.
7. How do one of your characters exhibit resilience? Reflect and share in some format.
8. Read with a family member, sibling, or friend in a special “book nook.” Draw/Take a Picture!
9. Read a book where the setting may inspire travel when you're older. Include a map.
10. Read a book recommended by a friend, a teacher, or family member.
11. Read a book written before you were born and explain how the world in text seems different than yours..
12. Read a biography of a leader, inventor, or changemaker.
13. Read at least one book in a series. Share what you think happens next...
14. Read an article about leadership, psychology, innovation, or technology.
15. Read a book outside your favorite genre. Do you read much poetry?
16. Read about a current event and connect it to a book of historical fiction. Highlight the connection between the two and share if you plan to add it to your TBR list.
17. Read with a flashlight, in a tent, or outside.
18. Read a book that might spark a difficult conversation or helps you better understand a different perspective..
19. Read a book about perseverance or “not yet.”
20. Read a book that intimidates you because of length or complexity. This might be a book you once abandoned. Try again and share what you've learned about yourself.
21. Read a book about someone who could change the world.
22. Read a book that has been made into a movie. Compare them.
23. Read a book connected to service, justice, or leadership.
24. Read a nonfiction book or article about a topic you want to explore more deeply.
25. Create a “**Top 5 Books of 2026**” List and a “**To Be Read**” (TBR) List with at least 20 books on your wishlist.
26. Read a memoir or biography of someone you admire.
27. Read two books connected by a common theme.
28. Read a book you can read in less than a day and discuss it with someone else.
29. Read for 30 minutes on 30 different days.
30. Write a closing reflection in your passport journal describing the impact of this summer challenge.

Your passport journal should reflect your responses to the activities above. You should include the title, author, and illustrator that aligns with each challenge activity. **Use your imagination when you respond!** You could draw pictures of your favorite scene (up to two entries). You might keep a list of new words you learn. Summaries, lessons learned, or questions you might ask the author could be included. The sky is the limit! Think creatively or analytically about the ways you choose to respond. **Your final entry should list the books completed and number of pages read.** Read for fun and read some things you wouldn't normally read! This is about your growth as a reader and thinker...

Don't forget to ask a family member to tag APS on social media (Instagram or Facebook) at least three times if your family is striving to become Anchorage **Reading Influencers!** Use the hashtag, **#AnchorageReads2026!** We'd love to track your adventures!

Happy Travels,

Ms. Six