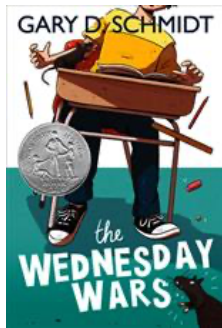




Eighth Grade Summer 2026 Reading Guidelines



Eighth Graders will read *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt

Guidelines:

- You are expected to read this novel carefully without using internet or AI summaries or any sources other than the actual book. This includes movie versions of the book.
- When reading your novel, you are strongly encouraged to make your own notes to use when studying for the summer reading test. You will not be able to use the notes while taking the test, but they will serve as a valuable study guide.
- Some suggestions for taking notes include:
 - Summarize the main events of each chapter with 2-3 well written sentences. Use sticky notes or write your summary at the end of each chapter directly in the book.
 - Keep a list of characters. List important events that happen to main characters.
 - Highlight or underline words or phrases that stand out as important in the story.
 - Pick out a few favorite lines from your novel that have meaning to you.
 - Make notes about the setting of the story.
 - Make a list of each event in the plot of the story.

You will take *The Wednesday Wars* summer reading test on **Thursday, August 20, 2026**, in your literature class.

You must turn in the Summer Reading Compliance Form on this date as well. Remember, this form is worth 11 points of your summer reading test grade.