

Summer Reading Assignment

Grades 6–8 Language Arts

Dear Students and Families,

Reading is an important part of keeping our minds active and growing over the summer. All students entering **grades 6–8** are required to complete **summer reading**.

Your Summer Reading Task:

- ✓ Choose and read **ONE book** of your choice over the summer- you may choose any appropriate novel that interests you.
- ✓ You may take notes on the attached graphic organizer while reading to help you remember important details, characters, themes, and events. This is optional.
- ✓ During the **first week of school**, you will complete an assignment connected to the novel you read.

Please choose a book that you have **not already read in Language Arts class**.

The following novels may **NOT** be selected as they may be incorporated into future instruction.

Entering Grade 6 — Do NOT Choose:

- *Holes* by Louis Sachar
 - *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen
 - *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
 - *Letters from Rifka* by Karen Hesse
 - *Hidden Talents* by David Lubar
 - *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
 - *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
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Entering Grade 7 — Do NOT Choose:

- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman
- *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling

- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
 - *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen
 - *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
 - *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* by David Lubar
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Entering Grade 8 — Do NOT Choose:

- *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper
 - *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
 - *That Was Then, This Is Now* by S.E. Hinton
 - *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
 - *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel
 - *Nothing But the Truth* by Avi
 - *Unwind* by Neal Schusterman
 - *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
 - *The Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
 - *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
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Tips for Choosing a Book:

-  Pick something you will enjoy reading.
-  Choose a book that challenges you and keeps you interested- if you're not enjoying it, put it down and choose another!
-  Yes, graphic novels are novels!

We are excited to hear about the books you chose and discuss your reading experiences when school begins again.

Happy Reading! 

Mr. Pape, Mrs. Rieth, Mrs. Trischitta, Mrs. Ward

Summer Reading Book Suggestions

Rising 8th Graders- Need Help Choosing a Book?

Not sure what to read this summer? Check out these recommendations! These books are similar to novels we have enjoyed in class and include themes such as survival, mystery, friendship, difficult choices, adventure, and finding your place in the world. As always, have your parents preview the book to make sure it's a good choice for you!

Remember: You only need to read **ONE book** this summer. These are suggestions — you may choose another appropriate book that interests you.

If You Enjoyed *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson...

You may like:

- *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
A powerful historical fiction story about courage, survival, and finding hope during World War II.
 - *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
Two stories connect across time through themes of survival and perseverance.
 - *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
A historical fiction story about a young girl fighting for freedom during the American Revolution.
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If You Enjoyed *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins...

You may like:

- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
A thrilling dystopian adventure about identity, choices, and courage.
 - *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
A group of teens must solve a dangerous mystery while fighting for survival.
 - *Legend* by Marie Lu
Two teens from opposite sides of society uncover a dangerous secret.
 - *The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau
Students must compete in a high-stakes test that determines their future.
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If You Enjoyed *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie...

You may like:

- *One of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
Five students enter detention, but only four leave. Everyone is a suspect.

- *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
A teenager inherits a fortune and must solve a series of puzzles to uncover the truth.
 - *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson
A student investigates a closed case and discovers hidden secrets.
 - *The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
A group of teens with special skills help solve difficult mysteries.
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If You Enjoyed *The Giver* by Lois Lowry...

You may like:

- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
Another story set in the world of *The Giver* about courage and questioning society.
 - *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
Two young people search for answers in a mysterious underground city.
 - *The List* by Patricia Forde
A girl begins questioning the rules of a society where words are controlled.
 - *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
A science fiction adventure about family, courage, and fighting against darkness.
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If You Enjoyed *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman...

You may like:

- *Restart* by Gordon Korman
A student gets a second chance after losing his memory and must decide who he wants to become.
 - *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
A group of kids uncover a shocking secret about their town.
 - *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty
A math genius learns how to handle friendship and middle school.
 - *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
A student learns that challenges do not define her abilities.
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If You Enjoyed *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers...

You may like:

- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
A talented runner learns about friendship, family, and overcoming his past.

- *Booked* by Kwame Alexander
A novel in verse about soccer, family, and growing up.
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
A story about basketball, family, and important life choices.
- *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
A student uncovers secrets while trying to find his own identity.

Summer Reading OPTIONAL Graphic Organizer

Student Name: _____ Book Title and Author: _____

1. Characters & Character Traits

Character	Traits	Evidence from the Story

2. Major Themes

Theme #1:
What does the author show about this theme?

Theme #2:
What does the author show about this theme?

3. Conflict

Main Conflict:

Type: ☐ Character vs. Character ☐ Character vs. Self ☐ Character vs. Society ☐ Character vs. Nature

How does the conflict affect the characters?

How is the conflict solved?

4. Plot Elements

Setting:

Exposition (Beginning):

Rising Action (Important Events):

1.

2.

3.

Climax:

Falling Action:

Resolution: