

Requirements for Middle School Summer Reading (2 books total):

1. Students should pick one book from the list and one book of their choice

(that is appropriate for their grade/reading level).

2. For the first book (from approved list), complete one of the following

Assignments:

a. Draw a map of the setting.

b. Write a short story about what the character(s) would be doing one a year later.

e. Write a letter to the author or illustrator.

3. For your book of choice. Complete one of the following assignments:

a. Draw a symbol- color, and cut out from poster board a single symbol that represents the theme of the novel. You will be asked to present the symbol, so you need to write one paragraph explaining why you chose it and how it represents the theme.

b. Create a technology product- using Prezi, PowerPoint, Google slides, or other appropriate technology and create a project of your design that explores the theme of the novel.

4. You may also choose one of the following after reading both books:

- a. Choose two people or characters from your two books that you think would be great friends and write why in essay format (5 paragraph).
- b. Choose one book location or setting to live in for a week- it can be fiction or nonfiction. Explain which book you chose and why in essay format (5 paragraph).
- c. Take a photo of each book cover you read and create a photo collage or animated trailer (you may use an app like Animoto or similar technology software).

5. These assignments are due by September 3, 2026 - No exceptions.

*****You will be submitting them to Google Classroom and/or your teacher when you return to school in the fall.



6th Grade tentative book list for CLASS reading, so there is no overlap:

1. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
2. Dear America, Christmas After All by Kathryn Lasky
3. Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome
4. The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman
5. Towers Falling by Jewel Parker Rhodes

Summer Reading List for Book 1:

- Maniac McGee, Jerry Spinelli
- Out of My Mind, Sharon Draper
- Hoot, Carl Hiassen
- Tuck Everlasting, Natalie Babbitt
- Holes, Louis Sachar
- Summer of My German Soldier, Bette Greene
- All Thirteen, Christina Soontornvat
- Wringer, Jerry Spinelli
- When Stars Are Shattered, Victoria Jamieson
- Bud Not Buddy, Christopher Paul Curtis
- Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story, Carolrhoda Books
- Smile, Raina Telegemeier
- El Deafo, Cece Bell
- Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir, Margarita Engle
- The Land, Mildred Taylor
- Around the World in Eighty Days, Jules Verne
- Crispin, Avi
- Inside Out and Back Again, Thanhha Lai
- Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Paterson
- The Finest Hours (Young Readers Edition): The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue (True Rescue Series), Michael J. Tougias
- A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story, Linda Sue Park
- The Giver, Lois Lowry

7th Grade tentative book list for CLASS reading, so there is no overlap:

1. Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry by Mildred Taylor
2. The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Carson
3. Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
4. Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds
5. Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo and Ann Leonori

Summer Reading Book List for Book 1:

- The Magician's Nephew, C. S. Lewis
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Elizabeth Speare
- A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle
- The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien
- Titanic: Voices from the Disaster, Deborah Hopkinson
- Eliza's Freedom Road- An Underground Railroad Diary, Jerdine Nolen
- Refugee, Alan Gratz
- Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party, Ying Chang Compestine
- The Breadwinner series, Deborah Ellis
- Counting by 7s, Holly Goldberg Sloan
- Omar Rising, Aisha Saeed
- I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World, Malala Yousafzai
- Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter, Adeline Yen Mah
- Trapped, Marc Aronson
- An Invisible Thread: A Young Readers Edition, Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski
- The Notorious Benedict Arnold, Steve Sheinkin
- The Stars Beneath Our Feet, David Barclay Moore
- Fever 1793, Laurie Halse Anderson
- Out of My Heart, Sharon Draper
- When You Trap a Tiger, Tae Keller

8th Grade tentative book list for CLASS reading, so there is no overlap:

1. A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
2. Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl (Diary Format) by Anne Frank
3. A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens .
4. The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
5. Mary and The Trail of Tears by Andrea L. Rogers and Matt Forsyth

Summer Reading Book List for Book 1:

- Life of Pi, Yann Martel
- The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton
- The Road to Memphis, Mildred Taylor
- The War that Saved My Life, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- The Hiding Place, Joni Tada (Foreword by); Corrie ten Boom; John Sherrill;
Joni Eareckson Tada (Foreword by); Elizabeth Sherrill
- How I Discovered Poetry, Marilyn Nelson
- The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler, John
Hendrix
- Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team,
Steve Sheinkin
- The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation), Daniel James Brown
- Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's
Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away; Young Readers Edition, Erica
Armstrong Dunbar
- Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from
Airman to Castaway to Captive, Laura Hillenbrand
- The Book Thief, Markus Zusak
- Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy,
Seymour Reit
- Number the Stars. Lois Lowry
- Harbor Me, Jacqueline Woodson
- Piecing Me Together, Renee Watson