



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST

Rising sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students: over the summer, **read two books** from the list that you have not previously read. Parents: please verify your student's reading by completing the form on the next page and sending it with their student to Language Arts class on the first day of school. During the first week of school, students will be asked to write a response regarding the books that they have read.

CLASSICS

Any Newbery Medal Book, except for *Johnny Tremain* and *The Giver*. (Some listed below.)

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Secret Garden or *A Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

M.C. Higgins the Great by Virginia Hamilton

Aleutian Sparrow by Karen Hesse

Our Only May Amelia by Jennifer L. Holm

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

The Story of My Life by Helen Keller

The Wreckers by Iain Lawrence

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Any of the Chronicles of Narnia (except *Magician's Nephew*) by C.S. Lewis

Call of the Wild or *White Fang* by Jack London

The Princess and the Goblin by George MacDonald

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

The Story of King Arthur... by Howard Pyle

The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls

The Light in the Forest by Conrad Richter

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

The Lord of the Rings (any one of three) by J.R.R. Tolkien

Journey to the Center of the Earth or *Twenty Thousand Leagues...* by Jules Verne

Any *Little House...* series book by Laura Ingalls Wilder

SINCE 2000

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi

The Action Bible illustrated by Sergio Cariello

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

A Year down Yonder by Richard Peck

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary Schmidt

Shaken by Tim Tebow

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Please note: We make every effort to offer a collection of honoring, redemptive, high-quality, engaging, and diverse texts. Nevertheless, not every book included here is appropriate for every student. Parents should use their judgement in helping students select the best text.



SUMMER READING VERIFICATION

Parents: Please complete the following form and return it to your student's Language Arts teacher on the first day of class.

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

BOOK TITLE	COMPLETED?
	Yes / No
	Yes / No
	Yes / No

I affirm that the above information accurately represents my child's summer reading.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____