

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Greetings! As the school year comes to a close and the warm, sunny days of summer beckon, we hope this letter finds you excited for a well-deserved break. This year we want you to enjoy spending time with your families as much as possible. So instead of a structured reading assignment, may we make the following recommendations: visit your local library (most have some kind of summer reading program), go to a museum (or two, or three), try an arboretum or botanical garden, take a hike (literally!), visit local historical sites, start a National Parks tour; closer to home you could camp out in your backyard, build something together as a family, start exploring a new cuisine. You get the idea!

We encourage you to read to and with your children (yes, your middle school children—they like being read to also). Grab some books from the library, or the local book store, or Amazon, and take them to the beach, or camping, or on your next road trip. Explore new people, places, and cultures...through great books! To that end, you will find attached a list of books to help your child discover new interests. Please do not limit your child to books on their "level", if they want to try a book...go for it!

Wishing you an incredible summer filled with unforgettable adventures, both within the pages of your books and beyond. Enjoy the sunshine, relax, and let your imagination soar!

Happy reading!

Warm regards,

The Middle School Reading Team

Middle School Summer Enrichment Reading List

Pay it Forward Katherine Ryan Hyde (young readers edition)

Harry Potter (Series) J.K. Rowling

Sign of the Beaver Elizabeth George Speare

Dork Diaries Rachel Renee Russell

Freak the Mighty Rodman Philbrick

The Candymakers Wendy Mass

The Land of the Lawn Weenies David Lubar

The One and Only Ivan Katherine Applegate

Treasure Hunters (Series) James Patterson

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life Wendy Mass

Ghost (Series) Jason Reynolds

Fever 1793 Laurie Halse Anderson

Middle School-The Worst Years of My Life Chris Tebbetts & James Patterson

Long Shot Chris Paul

Mudville Kurtis Scaletta

A Single Shard Linda Sue Park

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie Jordan Sonnenblick

Heartless Marissa Meyer

Survivors Club Michael Bornstein

Legend Marie Lu

Inheritance Christopher Paolini

The Uglies (Series) Scott Westerfeld

Unwind (Series) Neal Shusterman

The Thief Lord Cornelia Funke

Counting by 7s Holly Goldberg Sloan

Amal Unbound Aisha Saeed

The Crossover Kwame Alexander

Divergent (series) Veronica Roth

Code Talker Joseph Bruchac

One of Us is Lying (Series) Karen McManus

Kaleidoscope Summer Enrichment Reading List

7th Grade:

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

Pride and Prejudice or *Emma* by Jane Austen

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon

The Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Heartless by Marissa Meyer

8th Grade:

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

1984 by George Orwell

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Cinder by Marissa Meyer

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

