

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
Esperanza Rising Pam Munoz Ryan
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
Tuck Everlasting Natalie Babbitt
The Next Person You Meet In Heaven Mitch Albom
An Elephant in the Garden Michael Morpurgo
The People We Keep Allison Larkin
Heartless Stephanie 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
The Secret Life of Bees Sue Monk Kidd

Kaleidoscope Summer Enrichment Reading List

6th Grade:

The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Project 1065 by Alan Gratz

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

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