



Academic Year 2017-2018 Middle School Summer Reading

The goal of summer reading is to hone reading skills and to foster a love of reading. To that end our suggestions are many and varied.

- For each grade level, there is one required reading for Language Arts.
- For each grade level, there is one required reading for Social Studies.
- For each grade level, students are required to choose and read at least one additional book from the grade level lists provided in this packet. It may be from either the Social Studies column or the Language Arts column.
- For each grade level, students are required to read three current STEM related articles that will be provided in a list in your summer packet you will receive at the end of May. You must complete the included worksheet for each article. For the first day of school, bring in your worksheets and print out your favorite article. STEM is science, technology, engineering and math.

REQUIRED READING NOVELS: The *required reading worksheets* are attached - one for Language Arts and one for Social Studies. Students are to complete the worksheets while reading the texts. The worksheets will be collected by the respective teachers the first full week of school.

CHOICE NOVEL: Students will given a grade level appropriate writing assignment and/or a project related to this novel within the first two full weeks of school.

In summary, each student will read three novels and three current STEM related articles prior to the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year.

The required reading titles and choice titles are listed on the respective grade level page in this packet.



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For Students entering GRADE FIVE

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There is one required reading for Language Arts: *The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder There is one required reading for Social Studies: *Book of Greek Myths* by Edgar d'Aulaire

Students are required to read three current STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related articles from the STEM article list provided in the summer packet.

Students are required to choose and read at least one additional book. It may be from either the Social Studies column or the Language Arts column.

Social Studies	Language Arts
<i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson...</i> Bette Bao Lord <i>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes ...</i> Eleanor Coerr <i>Stowaway ...</i> Karen Hesse <i>The Sign of the Beaver...</i> Elizabeth George Speare <u><i>Audacity Jones to the Rescue...</i></u> Kirby Larson <u><i>The Lions of Little Rock...</i></u> Kristin Levine <u><i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead...</i></u> Avi <i>The Door in the Wall...</i> Marguerite De Angeli <i>Kit's Wilderness...</i> David Almond <p><i>Students may choose to select any nonfiction book as long as it is grade appropriate in lieu of the fiction listed above.</i></p>	<i>The Little Prince ...</i> Antoine de Saint-Exupery <i>Harry Potter</i> series...J.K Rowling <i>I Am the Ice Worm...</i> Mary Ann Easley <i>Baseball in April and Other Stories...</i> Gary Soto <i>The Lightning Thief (or any of the Percy Jackson series)...</i> Rick Riordan <i>Anne of Green Gables (or any later novels)...</i> Lucy Maud Montgomery <i>Poppy (Tales from Dimwood Forest) series...</i> Avi <i>Eragon Series...</i> Christopher Paolini <i>Hoot ...</i> Carl Hiaasen <i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea...</i> Jules Verne <i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate...</i> Jacqueline Kelly <p><i>In addition to this list, students may want to read novels written by Gary Paulsen, Jerry Spinelli, Brian Jacques, E.L. Konigsburg, Irene Hunt, Mark Twain, Natalie Babbitt, and Katherine Paterson.</i></p> <p><i>Students may choose to select any nonfiction book as long as it is grade appropriate in lieu of the fiction listed above.</i></p>



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There is one required reading for Language Arts: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

There is one required reading for Social Studies: *Adam of the Road* by Elizabeth Gray

Students are required to read three current STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related articles from the STEM article list provided in the summer packet.

Students are required to choose and read at least one additional book. It may be from either the Social Studies column or the Language Arts column.

Social Studies	Language Arts
<i>Catherine Called Birdy</i> ... Karen Cushman	<i>The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict</i> ... Trenton Lee Stewart
<i>The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker</i> ...Cynthia DeFelice	
<i>A Long Walk to Water</i> ... Linda Sue Park	<i>Redwall</i> Series...Brian Jacques
<i>A Journey to Topaz</i> ...Yoshiko Uchida	<i>Fish in a Tree</i> ... Lynda Mullaly Hunt
<i>Amos Fortune, Free Man</i> ...Elizabeth Yates	<i>Every Living Thing</i> ...James Herriot
<i>A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court</i> ... Mark Twain	<i>The Girl Who Could Fly</i> ... Victoria Forester
<i>Lilies of the Field</i> ...William Edmund Barrett	<i>Holes</i> ... Louis Sachar
<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> ...Elizabeth George Speare	<i>Stella by Starlight</i> ... Sharon M. Draper
<i>The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place</i> ... Julie Berry	<i>A Step from Heaven</i> ...An Na
<i>Will Sparrow's Road</i> ... Karen Cushman	<i>Death Cloud (Sherlock Holmes: The Legend Begins)</i> ... Andrew Lane
	<i>Inkheart</i> ...Cornelia Funke
<i>Students may choose to select any nonfiction book as long as it is grade appropriate in lieu of the fiction listed above.</i>	<i>The Sword in the Stone</i> ...T. H. White
	<i>Students can read any book by Madeleine L'Engle, Sharon M. Draper, Sharon Creech, J.K. Rowling, Trenton Lee Stewart, Katherine Paterson, Cynthia Voight, and Gary Paulson.</i>
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There is one required reading for Language Arts: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

There is one required reading for Social Studies: *Sugar Changed the World* by Marc Aronson

Students are required to read three current STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related articles from the STEM article list provided in the summer packet.

Students are required to choose and read at least one additional book. It may be from either the Social Studies column or the Language Arts column.

Social Studies	Language Arts
<p><i>Johnny Tremain</i>... Esther Forbes</p> <p><i>Across Five Aprils</i>... Irene Hunt</p> <p><i>Rocket Boys</i>... Homer H. Hickam Jr.</p> <p><i>War Horse</i>... Michael Morpurgo</p> <p><i>The Devil's Paintbox</i>... Victoria McKernan</p> <p><i>A Beautiful Lie</i>... Irfan Master</p> <p><i>Away to the Goldfields!</i>... Pat Derby</p> <p><i>Going West: Journey on a Wagon Train to Settle a Frontier Town</i>... Carol A. Johmann</p> <p><i>Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out</i>... National Children's Book and Literary Alliance</p> <p><i>Students may choose to select any nonfiction book as long as it is grade appropriate in lieu of the fiction listed above.</i></p>	<p><i>The Contender</i>... Robert Lipsyte</p> <p><i>A Single Shard</i>... by Linda Sue Park</p> <p><i>The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing</i>... M.T. Anderson</p> <p><i>When You Reach Me</i>... Rebecca Stead</p> <p><i>The Hunger Games</i> series... Suzanne Collins</p> <p><i>Divergent series</i>... Veronica Roth</p> <p><i>A Separate Peace</i>... John Knowles</p> <p><i>Sound Bender</i>... Lin Oliver and Theo Baker</p> <p><i>All Creatures Great and Small</i>... James Herriot</p> <p><i>The Time Machine</i>... H.G. Wells (any of his novels)</p> <p><i>Oliver Twist</i>... Charles Dickens (any of his novels)</p> <p><i>Students may choose to select any nonfiction book as long as it is grade appropriate in lieu of the fiction listed above.</i></p> <p><i>Students may also choose any book by Arthur Conan Doyle, Jane Austen, Edith Wharton, Charles Dickens, John Steinbeck (except Of Mice and Men) John Marsden, James Dashner, and Ray Bradbury.</i></p>



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There is one required reading for Language Arts: *The Killer Angels: A Novel of the Civil War* by Michael Shaara

There is one required reading for Social Studies: *Shooting the Moon* by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Students are required to read three current STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related articles from the STEM article list provided in the summer packet.

Students are required to choose and read at least one additional book. It may be from either the Social Studies column or the Language Arts column.

Social Studies	Language Arts
<i>Abraham Lincoln...</i> Carl Sandburg	<i>The Chosen...</i> Chaim Potok
<i>December Stillness...</i> Mary Downing Hahn	<i>A Man Called Ove...</i> Fredrik Backman
<i>The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex...</i> Owen Chase	<i>The Help...</i> Kathryn Stockett
<u><i>I'll Pass For Your Comrade:</i></u> <u><i>Women Soldiers in the Civil War...</i></u> Anita Silvey	<i>Ethan Frome...</i> Edith Wharton
<i>Manhunt...</i> James L. Swanson	<i>Silas Marner...</i> George Eliot
<i>Up From Slavery...</i> Booker T. Washington	<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy...</i> Douglas Adams
<i>Six Days in October: The Stock Market Crash of 1929...</i> Karen Blumenthal	<i>Angel on the Square...</i> Gloria Whelan
<i>Fever...</i> Mary Beth Keane	<i>The Amah...</i> Laurence Yep
<i>Hiroshima...</i> John Hersey	<i>Boston Jane: an Adventure...</i> Jennifer L. Holm
<i>The Education of Little Tree...</i> Forrest Carter	<u><i>Through No Fault of My Own: A Girl's Diary of Life on Summit Avenue in the Jazz Age...</i></u> Coco Irvine
<i>Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary...</i> Simon Winchester	<i>Students can read any book by Edith Wharton, Charlotte or Emily Bronte, Alexandre Dumas, and Willa Cather.</i>
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