

SPX Middle School (Entering grades 6-8) Summer Reading

Summer Reading Assignment



Directions

Students are required to read the **mandatory book** for their incoming grade level. Students may also read **one additional book** from the optional reading list for extra credit.

After completing the reading assignment, students will create a **book report brochure** for each book read. (See brochure instructions.)

Your brochure should include the following:

- Plot summary
- Characters (including the protagonist and antagonist)
- Setting
- Problem and solution
- Rising action and climax
- Theme
- Lessons learned
- Personal recommendation

Please include **pictures and color** in your brochure.

Brochures may be:

- Computer-created and printed, or
- Handmade

Due Date

One brochure per required book must be submitted by **Wednesday, August 19, 2026**.

If you have questions, please email jswanson@spxsa.org and include your child's incoming grade level in the subject line.

Mandatory Reading

Students Entering 6th Grade

Making Bombs for Hitler by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch

Students Entering 7th Grade

The View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg

Students Entering 8th Grade

Shadow Jumper (Book 1 of the series) by J. M. Forster

Optional Second Book Choices (Extra Credit)

Students Entering 8th Grade

- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Blitzkrieg* by Brian Falkner
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien

Students Entering 7th Grade

- *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford
- *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
- *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson
- *The Time Machine* by H. G. Wells
- *Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep

Students Entering 6th Grade

- *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli