

Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

Each Student should read at least 2 books over the summer. One book from their grade level list needs to be used to complete the following report. The other book can be from the list or a grade level text of their choosing. Reading 20-30 minutes every evening will make this goal easily attainable. The Summer Reading Log and the Summer Reading Report are due on the 1st day of school. It will count as the first grade for each student.

6th Grade List

- The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera
- A Girl, a Racoon, and the Midnight Moon by Karen Romano Young
- So Far from the Bamboo Grove by Yoko Kawashima Watkins
- When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
- My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
- Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
- The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
- Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

7th Grade List

- The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- The Wednesday Wars by Gary D Schmidt
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
- Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan
- Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
- Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- The Maze Runner by James Daschner
- Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk
- Wonder by RJ Palacio
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

8th Grade List

- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- Life of Pi by Yann Martel
- I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
- Listening for Lions by Gloria Whelan
- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Summer Reading Log

Title	Author	End Date

Summer Reading Report

Directions: Please answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Title: _____

Author: _____

Why did you choose this book?

What is the genre of the book and how do you know?

Vocabulary: List 5 words from the book that you did not know. Be sure to include the number of the page on which the word is found. Using context clues, provide the meaning of the word.

	Word	Page	Meaning
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

Give the names of the 3 most important characters and a brief description of each (age, personality, physical description, relationship to other characters).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Identify the setting of the book. Be sure to include all important places and times.

Identify the main problem faced by the characters in the book. Have you experienced a similar problem? How is the problem solved or resolved?

How could the story have ended differently? How would you have liked it to end?

Select an incident from the book that appeals to you (that you liked or thought was interesting). Give at least 3 reasons why you liked it?

How might the story have been different from another character's point of view (For example, Cinderella told from Prince Charming's perspective)?

What is the moral or theme of the book? What might someone learn from reading it? Be sure to include evidence from the text to support your answer.

Middle School ELA/Literature Supply List

- **2 - 1 subject notebooks**
- **1 pack of multi-color highlighters (yellow, pink, blue, green, orange)**
- Amazon has BIC Brite Liner Highlighters 5 count pack of assorted colors for \$1.99)
- **1- 2 inch 3-ring binder**
- **1 pack of notecards**
- **1 pack of black pens**
- **1 pack number 2 pencils**
- **1 package loose leaf notebook paper - 3 hole punched**
- **1 pack of 3 hole punched white printer paper**