

Middle School - Summer Assignment

Each student must read three novels. Below you will find a book list for each grade level and attached the required assignment for each book. All assignments must be turned in to the Reading Teacher on the first day of school.

Mandatory Books

6 th Grade	A Matter of Trust	by Anne Schraff
7 th Grade	The Face on the Milk Carton	by Carolina Cooney
8 th Grade	The Skin I'm In	by Sharon Flake

Choose one of the Newberry Award Winners from this book list:

6 th Grade	Feathers Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry The Bridge of Terabithia	by Jacqueline Woodson by Mildred Taylor by Katherine Patterson
7 th Grade	Jacob Have I Loved Mrs. Frisby and the Rat of NIMH Sounder	by Katherine Patterson by Robert O'Brien by H. Armstrong
8 th Grade	Number the Stars Summer of the Swans The Giver	by Lois Lowry by Betsy Byars by Lois Lowry

Choose one book from the fiction/non-fiction book list:

6 th Grade	One Crazy Summer Danger in Midnight River The House on Hackman's Hill Mister Victory for Jamie Ella Enchanted	by Rita Williams-Garcia by Frances Burnett by Joan Lowery Nixon by Kimberly Willis Holt by Walter Dean Myers by Gail Levine
7 th Grade	Ninth Ward The Secret Garden Olive's Ocean Small Steps The Dog Ate My Homework The Sunita Experiment	by Jewell Parker-Rhodes by Frances Burnett by Kevin Henkes by Louis Sachar by Sara Holbrook by Mitali Perkins
8 th Grade	Sugar Esperanza Rising Pacific Crossing Running Back to Ludie Somewhere in the Darkness A Year Down Yonder	by Jewell Parker-Rhodes by Pamela Ryan by Gary Soto by Angela Johnson by Walter Dean Myers by Richard Peck

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Information for 6th thru 8th Grade Summer Reading Included on this Sheet

- I. Keep a journal in a 1 subject notebook. In the notebook you should include:
 1. A log of dates for each day you read, the number of pages, and a parent's signature for each day to verify your log entry.
 2. A list of new words for your reading. Under each new word you should have:
 - a. The sentence from the story containing the new word
 - b. The definition of the word
- II. Write a summary for each book. All summaries will go in the notebook, label each section with the title of the novel. *(Must be written in cursive writing.)*
 1. The title of the book
 2. The name of the author
 3. A list of the main characters
 4. The setting for the story
 5. A description of the conflict in the story and how it is resolved.
*(Description in 8 or more sentences). **Tell how you would have resolved the conflict.***
 6. Write a paragraph of 10 sentences or more, telling the main idea of the story.
- III. Write a personal critique.
The critique must go in your notebook *(cursive writing only)*.
 1. Tell what you liked about the book *(in 5 sentences)*.
 2. Name your favorite character and why *(in 5 sentences)*.
 3. Tell what you learned about life from the story *(in 5 sentences)*.
- IV. Write one paragraph describing a possible sequel to the mandatory book.

For the other 2 Novels complete only Part II of this outline in your notebook.