

Middle School Summer Reading

1. **Nonfiction book of your choice:** Read a biography, autobiography, or informational book on a topic that interests you. Write a summary of the important information you learned. This summary must be typed, size 12 font, double spaced, and at least one page long.

2. **Fiction book of your choice:** Read one book from the following lists. It must be from this list because there will be small group discussions at the beginning of the year. Choose two projects to complete for this one book of choice.
 - a. Create an illustrated book cover for your novel. On the back, include a summary of the story that describes the main character and the central conflict. You must also write a full sentence that expresses the theme of the story. The theme is the message that the author wants the reader to know.
 - b. Prepare a 3-5 minute video trailer promoting your chosen novel. Use original footage, or copyright free media. (ex. freeplaymusic.com)
 - c. Write a letter to the author of your chosen novel. Explain what you liked and/or disliked, ask any questions you have about the story/characters, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing you will always remember about this novel and why. (*at least one full page, typed and double spaced, and written in letter format)
 - d. Write an objective (without opinion) news story reporting the events in your fiction or nonfiction book. This must be at least a page.
 - e. Write a song or poem about the emotional relationships between the characters in your novel or nonfiction book. The song must be a minimum of 2 minutes in length while reading aloud or singing.

Incoming 6th Grade Fictional Book Options:

Crispin: Cross of Lead Avi

Catherine, Called Birdy Karen Cushman

The Egypt Game Zilpha Keatley Snyder

The Shakespeare Stealer Gary Blackwood

Bridge to Terabithia Katherine Paterson

Incoming 7th Grade Fictional Book Options:

Year of Impossible Goodbyes Sook Choi

Call It Courage Armstrong Sperry

The Pearl John Steinbeck

Dragonwings Lawrence Yep

Homeless Bird Gloria Whelan

The Sign of the Beaver Elizabeth Speare

Incoming 8th Grade Fictional Options:

Fever 1793 Laurie Halse Anderson

Chains Laurie Halse Anderson

Woods Runner Gary Paulsen

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch Jean Lee Latham

The Year of Hangman Gary Blackwood

Soldier's Heart Gary Paulsen