



**2026 Summer Reading List for Middle School**

\*All Grades: Please review the grade appropriate list and choose two novels. Make sure you choose books that you haven't already read. You will be given a project when you return to school in August. **Books must have been read before the first day of school.**

**REQUIRED:** Choose two books from the options below.

**RISING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

- Smile* .....Raina Telgemeier
- Matilda* .....Ronald Dahl
- Redwall* .....Brian Jacques
- Wish*.....Barbara O'Connor
- Gregor the Overlander*.....Suzanne Collins
- The Good Kind of Trouble*.....Lisa Moore Ramee
- The Wild Robot*.....Peter Brown

**RISING 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**REQUIRED:** Choose two books from the options below.

- The Wednesday Wars*.....Gary D. Schmidt
- River Thunder*.....Will Hobbs
- Maze Runner*.....James Dashner
- Nothing but the Truth*.....Avi
- The Secret Garden*.....Frances Hodgson Burnette
- Restart*.....Gordon Korman

**RISING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**REQUIRED:** Choose two books from the options below.

- Home Before Dark*.....Sue Ellen Bridges
- A Single Shard*.....Linda Sue Park
- Surviving the Applewhite's*.....Stephanie S. Tolan
- The False Prince*.....Jennifer A. Nielsen
- Rascal*.....Sterling North
- The Crossover*.....Kwame Alexander