5TH GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:

Tom Angleberger
Katherine Applegate
Pseudonymous Bosch
Michael Buckley
Matt Christopher
Andrew Clements
Chris Colfer
Roald Dahl
Cynthia DeFelice
Kate DiCamillo
Mary Downing Hahn
Kathleen Duey
Chris Grabenstein
Dan Gutman
Carl Hiaasen
Erin Hunt
Liz Kessler
Gordon Korman
Sarah Mlynowski
Lynda Mullaly Hunt
R. J. Palacio
James Patterson
Ridley Pearson
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Rick Riordan
J. K. Rowling
Louis Sachar
Brandon Sanderson
Brian Selznick
Lauren Tarshis
Sheila Turnage
Sarah Weeks

6TH GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:

Joan Bauer
Meg Cabot
Gail Carson Levine
Kiera Cass
Eoin Colfer
Suzanne Collins
Jean Craighead George
Sharon Creech
Karen Cushman
Margaret Dilloway
Chris D'Lacey
Jeanne DuPrau
John Flanagan
Stuart Gibbs
Alan Gratz
Tim Green
Jennifer Holm
K. A. Holt
James Howe
Erin Hunter
Derek Jeter
Trenton Lee Stewart
Lois Lowry
Mike Lupica
Wendy Mass
Lisa McMann
Kirsten Miller
Kate O'Hearn
Christopher Paolini
Linda Sue Park
Gary Paulsen
Ridley Pearson
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Rick Riordan
J. K. Rowling
Pam Munoz Ryan
Holly Goldberg Sloan
Roland Smith
Rebecca Stead
Mark Walden
Sarah Weeks
Suggested Non-Fiction Titles for Middle School Students (5th–8th Grade):

The following list contains suggested non-fiction titles for middle school students. Please keep in mind that parents are best to judge a book's suitability for their child.

Who Was Series - Biographies - various authors
What Was Series - Exploring places around the world - various authors
I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives - Caitlin Alifirenka
Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent - Thomas Allen
The Skull in the Rock - Marc Aronson
If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge - Marc Aronson
Terrible Typhoid Mary - Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Spies of the Mississippi - Rick Bowers
The Boys in the Boat - Adapted for Young Readers - Daniel James Brown
Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam and the Science of Ocean Motion - Loree Griffin Burns
Gettysburg: The Graphic Novel - C. M. Butzer
The Story of Seeds: From Mendel's Garden to Your Plate - Nancy Castaldo
Pure Grit - Mary Cronk Farrell
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science - John Fleischman
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster - Deborah Hopkinson
To Hope and Back - Kathy Kacer
Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter - Adeline Yen Mah
The Soul of an Octopus - Sy Montgomery
Normal: One Kid's Extraordinary Journey - Magdalena Newman
Ten Days a Mad Woman - Deborah Noyes
Free Lunch - Rex Ogle
Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem - Rosalyn Schanzer
The Notorious Benedict Arnold - Steve Sheinkin
Almost Astronauts - Tanya Lee Stone
Secrets of a Civil War Submarine - Sally Walker
Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson
Big Top Burning - Laura A. Woollett
I Am Malala - Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb
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7th, 8th and 9R Summer Reading Assignments
See your grade level below:

**English 7 Author/Genre Study:** Incoming seventh graders must choose one of the genres and authors below. If you see an author on the list whose work you enjoy, do not choose a novel you’ve already read. We expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students’ summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on WITS.

**English 8 Author/Genre Study:** Incoming eighth graders must choose one of the genres and authors below. If you see an author on the list whose work you enjoy, do not choose a novel you’ve already read. We expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students’ summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on WITS.

**Incoming 7th and 8th graders:**

**Adventure**
- Joelle Charbonneau
- Suzanne Collins
- Sharon Creech
- James Dashner
- Anthony Horowitz
- Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Jennifer Neilsen
- Veronica Roth

**Science Fiction/Fantasy**
- Ally Condie
- James Dashner
- Catherine Fisher
- Michael Grant
- Pittacus Lore
- Jennifer Nielsen
- James Patterson
- Scott Westerfeld
- Gabrielle Zevin

**Contemporary Realistic Fiction**
- Walter Dean Meyers
- Sarah Dessen
- Carl Deuker
- Natasha Friend
- Laurie Halse Anderson
- K. A. Holt
- Mike Lupica
- Todd Strasser
**Historical Fiction**
Laurie Halse Anderson
Alan Gratz
Jennifer Nielsen
Linda Sue Park
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Ruta Sepetys
Markus Zusak

**English 9R:** Incoming eighth graders taking the advanced English course must read one of the books listed below. If you see a book on the list that you've already read, we expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on WITS.

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou  
*Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle  
*The Watsons Go To Birmingham, 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank  
*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling  
*All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith