

Summer Reading: Grades 6-8

Incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students are required to **read at least TWO*** books over the summer. Students must read or listen to ONE of the books on the list below of “Required Reading Books” for their respective grade levels. Students are encouraged to take notes/annotate (in a notebook, on post-its, etc) on characters, setting, theme, plot development, author’s craft, etc.

Students will be assessed on the book(s) they choose at the start of the year and should be prepared to discuss their chosen text. Students WILL be able to use any of the notes they have taken throughout the summer for this assessment.

Happy Reading!

**** Note: The Mountainside Public Library provides digital copies and audiobooks. *You can acquire a library card online if you do not already have one.***

REQUIRED Reading Books- Fiction

6th- Choose 1	7th- Choose 1	8th- Choose 1	8th Honors- Choose 2
Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan	Gregor the Overlander - by Suzanne Collins	Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie	Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
What the Moon Saw by Laura Resau	Fish In a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt	The Giver by Lois Lowry	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown	Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen	The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
Mr. Popper’s Penguins by Richard & Florence Atwater	Schooled by Gordon Korman	Ranger’s Apprentice by John Flanagan	Life of Pi by Yann Martel
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies	Heat by Mike Lupica	Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan	The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin		
Captain Nobody by Dean Pitchford	Restart by Gordon Korman		
Front Desk by Kelly Yang			

Free Choice Reading--Nonfiction *(1 For All Levels)*

Students may choose a biography, autobiography, memoir, or a narrative nonfiction text. Below are some **suggested** titles for each grade level. Students may feel free to read an appropriate title not listed below.

**Post-it notes/annotations are not required for free choice reading.*

6th	7th	8th
Knots in My Yo-Yo String by Jerry Spinelli	Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson	No Excuses: The True Story of a Congenital Amputee Who Became a Champion in Life by Kyle Maynard
Reaching for the Moon by Katherine Johnson	Who Was Series multiple authors	Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang
My Inventions: The Autobiography of Nikola Tesla by Nikola Tesla	Freedom Riders - A Primary Source Exploration of the Struggle for Racial Justice by Heather E. Schwart	Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret	All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (young reader ed.) by William Kamkwamba	How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure written and illustrated by John Rocco	Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson
Man on the Moon: How a Photograph Made Anything Seem Possible by Pamela Jain Dell	Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and The Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin	Chasing King's Killer by James L. Swanson
Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenie Clark by Ann McGovern & Ruth Chew	How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg	I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Baseball Biographies for Kids: The Greatest Players from the 1960s to Today by Dean Burrell	Port Chicago 50 : Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin	Anne Frank- The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
		Shoe Dog by Phil Knight

It may be helpful to reference a site such as commonsensemedia.org in order to best determine which book choice will be most appropriate for your child.

Incoming 8th Grade Honors students are required to read **three books total:
2 required fiction texts + 1 free choice nonfiction book.*