Middle School Summer Reading List 2018

6th Grade

Required Books:
*The Number Devil – Hans Enzensberger  
Mockingbird – Kathryn Erskine

When the school year begins, there will be discussions and assignments related to the required books. As you read this summer, you may wish to underline or highlight important points in your books and/or make notes. Please have a copy of both required books available in September.

Suggested Titles:
If you’re looking for something good to read, check out one of these (not required):

Almost Home – Joan Bauer  
A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L’Engle  
Hatchet – Gary Paulsen  
When You Reach Me – Rebecca Stead  
The Dreamer – Pam Muñoz Ryan  
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon – Grace Lin  
Doll Bones – Holly Black  
Out of my Mind – Sharon M. Draper  
Zombie Baseball Beatdown – Paolo Bacigalupi  
Smile – Raina Telgemeier

*Required for 6th grade math as well

7th Grade

Required: Choose from the list below two books that you have not already read.

Nothing but the Truth – Avi  
Fever 1793 – Laurie Anderson  
Red Scarf Girl – Ji Li Jiang  
Other Side of Truth – Beverly Naidoo  
The Pearl – John Steinbeck  
Flush – Carl Hiaasen
The books on this list vary a great deal in subject matter, length, tone, and difficulty. At the library, online, or at a bookstore, browse the titles until you find two that capture your interest. There will be discussions and a writing assignment related to each of your choice books. As you read this summer, you may wish to underline or highlight important points in your books and/or make notes. Please have copies of your choice books available at the start of school in August.

8th Grade

**Book One:** Choose and read a book that you’ve not read before and that is not on this list (or the 6th or 7th grade lists).

**Book Two:** Choose and read one book from the list below. The first books on the list are written specifically for middle school readers. The latter titles are generally more difficult in style and content. At the library, online, or at a bookstore, browse the titles until you find one that captures your interest. Bring your choice home and enjoy your reading!

*Under the Mesquite* – Guadalupe Garcia McCall
*Sunrise over Fallujah* – Walter Dean Myers
*Bamboo People* – Mitali Perkins
*Keeping Corner* – Kashmira Sheth
*Where the Streets Had a Name* – Randa Abdel-Fattah
*A Long Walk to Water* – Linda Sue Park
*I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced* – Nujood Ali
*Sold* – Patricia McCormick
*Sister of My Heart* – Chitra Banerje Divakaruni
*In the Country of Men* – Hisham Matar
*Behind the Beautiful Forevers* – Katherine Boo
*They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky* – A. Deng, B. Deng, and B. Ajak
*Kaffir Boy* – Mark Mathabane
*I am Malala* – Malala Yousafzai
*non-fiction

Please have a copy of both Book One and Book Two available when school resumes.