Middle School Summer Reading List 2016

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 this summer, 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

7th Grade

**Required Book:**
*Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* – Mildred D. Taylor

**Choice Book:** Choose one book from the list below.  
*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  
*Redwall* – Brian Jacques  
*The Pigman* – Paul Zindel
The Devil’s Arithmetic – Jane Yolen  
*Hoops* – Walter Dean Myers  
*The House of the Scorpion* – Nancy Farmer

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 one that captures your interest. There will be discussions and assignments related to the required book. 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 your required and choice books available in September.

**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  
*I Am Malala*, Malala Yousafzai  
*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

*non-fiction

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