

May, 2023  
Summer Reading List

Dear Students and Parents:

Thank goodness summer is almost upon us! Be sure to have fun, relax, and yet don't forget to read! This year I've chosen a reading list I'm certain you'll enjoy. During the summer, it is required to read the following items: ***One Novel and one book of choice.***

When books are completed, the "Book Review Form" must be completed and signed by a parent, to be turned in on the first day of classes for credit.

If you are looking for more books of choice here is an excellent site for suggestions: <http://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school>

Good luck! Happy Reading! Enjoy!

***Parents your reading assignment:***

*Planet Middle School* by Dr. Kevin Leman  
and/or

*Grateful Kids in an Entitled World* by Kristen Welch

**No book review required, but I would love to hear  
your thoughts!**

**Future 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Required Novel and one book of choice**  
**Required Novel: Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien**

**Book Suggestions:**

The Cat Who Went To Heaven- Elizabeth Coatsworth  
Crenshaw- Katherine Applegate  
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus- by Dusti Bowling  
Space Case – Stuart Gibbs  
A Mouse Called Wolf – Dick King-Smith  
Insignificant events in the Life of a Cactus – Dusti Bowling  
Lunch Money by Andrew Clements  
Hoot-Hiaasen  
Wishtree – Katherine Applegate  
Bob – Mass & Stead  
A Boy Called Bat-Arnold  
Hole in the Wall – Tevin Hansen  
Hero – Jennifer Shotz  
Because of Winn-Dixie-Kate DiCamilla  
Sounder-William H. Armstrong  
Gregor the Overlander-Suzanne Collins  
The Castle in the Attic-Elizabeth Winthrop  
Bridge to Terabithia-Katherine Paterson  
The Chocolate Touch-Patrick Skene Catling  
The Water Horse by Dick King-Smith  
Hank Zipzer Series by Henry Winkler  
Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo  
Some Kind of Happiness by Dan Gemeinhart  
When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin

**Future 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Required Novel and one book of choice**  
**Required Novel: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by**

**Kate DiCamillo**

**Book Suggestions:**

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen  
Wishtree – Katherine Applegate  
Crenshaw- Katherine Applegate  
Bob – Mass & Stead  
Hole in the Wall – Tevin Hansen  
Hero – Jennifer Shotz  
Insignificant events in the Life of a Cactus – Dusti Bowling  
Crenshaw by K. Applegate  
42 is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson,  
American Hero –Doreen Rappaport  
Old Yeller-Gipson

Call It Courage- Sperry  
Hoot-Hiaasen  
A Boy Called Bat-Arnold  
The Friendship War-Andrew Clements  
The Face on the Milk Carton – Cooney  
Out of My Mind –Draper  
Ragweed (Dimwood Forest Series #1)- Avi  
Walk Two Moons-Creech  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe – Lewis  
Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt  
Chasing Redbird- Creech  
Wonder (Wonder #1)- R.J. Palacio  
Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin  
Anne of Green Gables (Anne of Green Gables #1)- L.M. Montgomery  
The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians #1)- Rick Riordan  
Al Capone Does My Shirts (Al Capone at Alcatraz #1)- Gennifer Choldenko  
Smile (Smile #1)- Raina Telgemeier  
Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims- Limbaugh  
When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin

**Future-7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Required Novel and one book of choice**  
**Required Novel: *A Wrinkle in Time (A Wrinkle in Time Quintet #1)***  
**by Madeleine L'Engle**

**Book Suggestions:**

Driver's Ed – Cooney  
Ban This Book – Alan Gratz  
Esperanza Rising – Pam Muñoz Ryan  
Insignificant events in the Life of a Cactus – Dusti Bowling  
The Friendship War- Clements  
42 is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson,  
American Hero –Doreen Rappaport  
The Cay – Taylor  
The Pearl – Steinbeck  
The Lottery Rose – Hunt  
Princess Bride-Goldman  
A Year Down Yonder (A Long Way from Chicago #2)- Peck  
Tolkien Trilogy – Tolkien  
The Car – Paulsen  
No Slam Dunk – Mike Lupica  
Treasure Island – Stevenson  
The Giver-Lowery (1st in Series)  
Gathering Blue – Lowery (2nd in series)  
Raisin in the Sun – Honsberry  
The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Speare

Anne Frank, Dairy of a Young Girl – Frank  
Jacob Have I Loved – Paterson  
Whatever Happened to Janie – Cooney  
The Red Pyramid (Kane Chronicles #1)- Rick Riordan  
Rush Revere and the American Revolution- Limbaugh  
Behind Rebel Lines by Seymour Reit  
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

**Future 8<sup>th</sup> Grade-Required Novel and one book of choice**

**Required Novel: The Giver by Lois Lowry**

**Book Suggestions:**

Driver's Ed – Cooney  
Allies-Allen Gratz  
Ban This Book – Alan Gratz  
No Slam Dunk – Mike Lupica  
Restart – Gordon Korman  
Esperanza Rising – Pam Muñoz Ryan  
The Cay – Taylor  
Refugee – Alan Gratz  
The Pearl – Steinbeck  
42 is Not Just a Number: The Odyssey of Jackie Robinson,  
American Hero –Doreen Rappaport  
The Lottery Rose – Hunt  
Princess Bride-Goldman  
A Year Down Yonder (A Long Way from Chicago #2)- Peck  
Tolkien Trilogy – Tolkien  
The Car – Paulsen  
Pax by Sara Pennypacker  
Treasure Island – Stevenson  
The Giver-Lowry (1<sup>st</sup> in Series)  
Gathering Blue – Lowry (2<sup>nd</sup> in series)  
Raisin in the Sun – Honsberry  
The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Speare  
Anne Frank, Dairy of a Young Girl – Frank  
Jacob Have I Loved – Paterson  
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