Summer Reading List

2021

This year’s summer reading will be a choice reading. We have compiled a list of titles for grades 7th-12th to choose from. Students should read at least ONE book from there list. The first week of school students will be given assignments to complete on the book they read.

Research is clear that daily reading is an unparalleled practice in raising scores in ALL academic subjects (not just reading). Research also indicates that the benefit increases with student age, not decreases. In other words, the score gap between upper elementary and middle school students (or even high school students) who read daily and those who do not is larger than in lower elementary.

Daily reading has been proven to have unforeseen benefits in other, non-academic areas as well such as stress reduction, teaching empathy and social skills, giving students a greater vocabulary and a sense of tranquility.

7th-8th Grade:
1. The Giver by Lois Lowry
2. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
3. Wonder by R.J. Palacio
4. Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
5. Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O’Dell
6. Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie
7. Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton
8. Fever of 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
9. The Night Gardener by George Pelecanos
10. Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
11. Seafire by Natalie C. Parker
12. The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
13. The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
14. The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
15. The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins

9th-12th Grade:
1. Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
2. The Help by Kathryn Stockett
3. The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
4. Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
5. The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
6. How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg
7. I am Malala: Young Readers Edition by Malala Yousafzai
8. Talking Leaves by Joseph Bruchac
9. The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
10. Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Wells
11. Divergent by Veronica Roth
12. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
13. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
14. Survivor’s Club by Michael Bornstein
15. Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
16. Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
17. Piecing Me Together by Renée Watson
18. The Time Machine by H. G. Wells
19. The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
20. Animal Farm by George Orwell
21. Lord of The Flies by William Golding
22. Wonder by R. J. Palacio
23. A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
24. The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
25. Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
26. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
27. The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
28. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
29. The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
30. The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne
31. Unbroken (Young Adult Application) by Laura Hillenbrand
32. Sold by Patricia McCormick
33. Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston