

May 2016

Dear St. Matthew's School Parents,

Enclosed is the 2016 summer reading *recommendation* list. I have compiled a list of books special to the middle school curriculum that I feel are important in every student's literature must-read list. Students who bring in the reading log (due the Friday we come back to school) with a *minimum* of three books read will receive extra credit to be used for the upcoming school year. Rising sixth grade is welcome to read anything off the rising seventh/eighth grade list. This is the only extra credit I provide in my English class.

Please e-mail me at [lkeller@smsvb.net](mailto:lkeller@smsvb.net) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ms. Keller

Middle School Language Arts

"There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them."

-Ray Bradbury

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

-Stephen King

"Let us read, and let us dance; these two amusements will never do any harm to the world."

-Voltaire



# 2016 Summer Reading List: 6th Grade

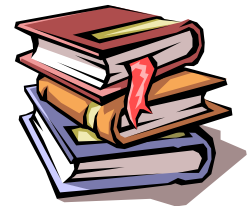
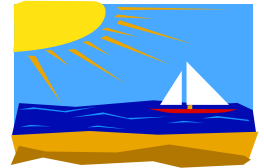
- + *The Secret Garden* - Frances Hodgson Burnett
- + *Bronze Bow* - Elizabeth George Speare
- + *\*The Man Who Was Poe* - Avi
- + *The Westing Game* - Ellen Raskin
- + *The Phantom Tollbooth* - Norton Juster
- + *Little Women* - Louisa May Alcott
- + *Scat* - Carl Hiassen
- + *Island of the Blue Dolphins* - Scott O'Dell
- + *Maniac Magee* - Jerry Spinelli
- + *Number the Stars* - Lois Lowry
- + *The Indian in the Cupboard* - Lynne Banks
- + *Holes* - Louis Sachar
- + *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* - Mildred Taylor
- + *Tangerine* - Edward Bloor
- + *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* - Gary Schmidt
- + *Wonder* - RJ Palacio
- + *View from Saturday* - E.L. Konigsburg



# 2016 Summer Reading List - 7th/8th Grade



*The Maze Runner* series – (w/parent permission) James Dashner  
*The Hunger Games* series - (w/parent permission) Suzanne Collins  
*The Percy Jackson* series – Rick Riordan  
*The Lorien Legacies* –Pittacus Lore  
*Fever 1793* - Laurie H. Anderson  
*Skink – No Surrender* – Carl Hiaasen  
*Ender’s Game* – Orson Scott Card  
*Ender’s Shadow* (sequel to *Ender’s Game*)  
*The Breadwinner* – Deborah Ellis  
*My Side of the Mountain* – Jean C. George  
*Nory Ryan’s Song* – Patricia R. Gifford  
*Unbroken* – Laura Hillenbrand  
*Witch of Blackbird Pond* – Elizabeth George Speare  
*Adventures of Ulysses* – Bernard Evslin  
*And Then There Were None* – Agatha Christie  
*Knots in My Yo-Yo String* – Jerry Spinelli  
Milkweed – Jerry Spinelli  
Stargirl – Jerry Spinelli  
\**Huckleberry Finn* – Mark Twain  
\**Night* – Elie Wiesel (w/parent permission)  
\**The Book Thief* – Marcus Zusak (awesome book!)  
\*\**Rumble Fish* – S.E. Hinton  
\*\* *Go Set a Watchman* – Harper Lee



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\*goes well with novel we will read during school year (7<sup>th</sup> grade: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Diary of Anne Frank*)

\*\*goes well with novels we will read during school year (8<sup>th</sup> grade: *The Outsiders* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*)

Advanced Reading: I recommend *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini for 8<sup>th</sup> grade; however, parents, be advised that there are some adult themes and violence.

# 2016 SUMMER READING LOG



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Novel	Author	# pages	Parent Signature	Did you enjoy this book? Yes or No
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