

St. Matthew's Middle School Summer Reading List

REVISED VERSION: Choose at least 3 to read over the summer that are within the grade you are entering, and be sure the mandatory ones are first on the list.

Entering Grade 6

- Dahl, Roald: *Matilda*
- Gaiman, Neil: *Fortunately, the Milk*
- L'Engle, Madeleine: *A Wrinkle In Time*
- London, Jack: *White Fang*
- Lowry, Lois: *Number the Stars*
- O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*
- Paulsen, Gary: *Hatchet*
- **Spinelli, Jerry: *Maniac Magee* (mandatory)**



Entering Grade 7

- Armstrong, William H. *Souder*
- Boyne, John: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*
- Burnett, Frances H. *The Secret Garden*
- Card, Orson Scott: *Ender's Game*
- **M.H. Herlong: *The Great Wide Sea* (mandatory)**
- Hillenbrand, Laura: *Unbroken*
- Leyson, Leon: *The Boy on the Wooden Box*
- Steinbeck, John: *The Pearl*

Entering Grade 8

***Assignment: Compose a typed one-page only synopsis of one of the mandatory books assigned for the 8th grade level. (Times New Roman, 12 point font, Heading in top right corner, and double-spaced) This is due within the first week of school.

- Bradbury, Ray: *Fahrenheit 451*
- **Clement-Davies, David: *Firebringer* (mandatory)**
- Dumas, Alexander: *The Three Musketeers*
- Hemingway, Ernest: *Old Man and the Sea*
- **Hinton, S. E.: *The Outsiders* (mandatory)**
- Martel, Yann: *Life of Pi*
- Morpurgo, Michael: *Private Peaceful*

- Shelley, Mary: *Frankenstein*
- Wells, H.G.: *The Time Machine*
- Wiesel, Elie: *Night*

Recommended Series for Voracious Readers (These are extra, aside grade level book requirements.)

Clement-Davies, David: *The Sight and Fell*

Colfer, Chris: *The Land of Stories*

Lewis, C.S.: *The Chronicles of Narnia* (beyond *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*)

Lore, Pittacus: *Lorien Legacies*

Mull, Brandon: *Fablehaven*

Paolini, Christopher: *Eragon Series*



For 6th, 7th and 8th grade, log the books you read in the following lines to bring back to school on the first day of class. (Title and author’s last name only).

Name _____ Parent Signature _____

*****Summer Reading for all grades (the required 3 book amount) is worth 8 bonus points for a quiz or test that you don’t do well on, and can “cash in”. This paper must be used as proof of credit though, so please turn in within the first week of school. Any student who does not need to cash in these points will receive a dress down in the 4th quarter.**

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