

St. Matthew's Middle School Summer Reading List

Choose at least 3 (if you want to redeem points) to read over the summer that are within the grade you are entering. Otherwise, just read the mandatory requests. Higher grades are allowed to “read down grade levels” but “not up”.

Entering Grade 6



- Dahl, Roald: *Matilda*
- Duprau, Jeanne: *City of Ember*
- Gaiman, Neil: *Fortunately, the Milk*
- L'Engle, Madeleine: *A Wrinkle In Time*
- Lewis, C.S.: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* or any Narnia Chronicles.
- London, Jack: *White Fang*
- Lowry, Lois: *Number the Stars*
- O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*
- Paulsen, Gary: *Hatchet*
- Sachar, Lewis: *Holes*
- **Spinelli, Jerry: *Maniac Magee* (mandatory)**
- Sutherland, Tui: *Wings of Fire Series* (1st book preferred first.)

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*
- DiTerlizzi, Toni: *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (Must read all as one bc they r short.)
- Funke, Cornelia: *Inkheart*
- Gaiman, Neil: *Coraline*
- Gipson, Fred: *Old Yeller*
- **M.H. Herlong: *The Great Wide Sea* (mandatory)**
- Hillenbrand, Laura: *Unbroken* (YA version or regular version)
- Linda Mullaly Hunt: *Fish In a Tree*
- Leyson, Leon: *The Boy on the Wooden Box*
- McGowan Keith: *The Witch's Guide to Cooking With Children*
- Steinbeck, John: *The Pearl*

Entering Grade 8

*****Assignment: Compose a typed one-page only synopsis of *The Outsiders* 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. ***If you are brand new to SMS and don't have time for this synopsis, it is okay. Just do what you can.**

- Clement-Davies, David: *Firebringer* (My favorite book ever!)
- Clement-Davies, David: *The Telling Pool*
- Dumas, Alexander: *The Three Musketeers*
- **Hinton, S. E.: *The Outsiders* (mandatory)**
- Martel, Yann: *Life of Pi*
- Morpurgo, Michael: *Private Peaceful*
- Shelley, Mary: *Frankenstein*
- Taylor, Theodore: *The Cay*
- Wells, H.G.: *The Time Machine*
- Wiesel, Elie: *Night*

Recommended Series for Voracious Readers (These are extra.)

Clement-Davies, David: *The Sight and Fell* (6th, 7th, or 8th)

Colfer, Chris: *The Land of Stories* (6th, 7th, or 8th)

Lore, Pittacus: *Lorien Legacies* (7th or 8th)

Paolini, Christopher: *Eragon Series* (7th or 8th)

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.**