📚 Summer Reading Requirement (Grades 6–8)

Dear Students and Parents.

To encourage reading and maintain literacy skills over the summer, all incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are required to read at least one book of their choice before the start of the school year. The book must be worth a minimum of 6 AR (Accelerated Reader) points.

Important Guidelines:

- Students must read at least one book or 6 AR points this summer
- Students must take the AR quiz during the first week of school.
- Students **may not** take the AR guiz during the summer at school.
- This summer reading will count toward the student's 1st Quarter AR requirement. But first quarter point requirement will be higher than the remaining quarters.

We encourage students to select books that interest them. Below is a list of recommended titles in various genres that are popular and appropriate for middle school students. All books listed meet the minimum 6-point requirement.

Recommended Reading List

Mystery

- 1. Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett AR Level: 5.4 | Points: 6
- 2. Greenglass House by Kate Milford AR Level: 5.4 | Points: 10
- 3. Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage AR Level: 3.9 | Points: 9
- 4. Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Draanen AR Level: 4.6 | Points: 9
- 5. The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson AR Level: 4.7 | Points: 10

Fantasy

- 1. Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan AR Level: 4.7 | Points: 13
- 2. Fablehaven by Brandon Mull AR Level: 4.8 | Points: 11
- 3. *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins AR Level: 4.8 | Points: 8
- 4. *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston AR Level: 5.0 | Points: 13
- 5. The School for Good and Evil by Soman Chainani AR Level: 5.2 | Points: 13

Historical Fiction

- Refugee by Alan Gratz AR Level: 5.3 | Points: 10
- 2. Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson AR Level: 5.2 | Points: 11
- 3. *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley AR Level: 4.1 | Points: 9
- 4. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry AR Level: 4.5 | Points: 4
- 5. *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz AR Level: 5.6 | Points: 10

Series (First Book Listed)

- 1. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins AR Level: 5.3 | Points: 15
- 2. Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger

AR Level: 5.5 | Points: 14

3. City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

AR Level: 5.0 | Points: 9

4. Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy by Tui T. Sutherland AR Level: 5.0 | Points: 10

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5. *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* by James Patterson AR Level: 4.5 | Points: 4

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- * Most Popular Among Middle School Readers
- 1. Wonder by R.J. Palacio AR Level: 4.8 | Points: 11
- 2. Restart by Gordon Korman AR Level: 5.1 | Points: 9
- 3. *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds AR Level: 4.8 | Points: 7
- 4. Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling AR Level: 4.6 | Points: 8
- 5. Front Desk by Kelly Yang AR Level: 4.5 | Points: 10

Tip: Be sure to check the AR point value of the book you choose at <u>arbookfind.com</u>. If your book does not meet the 6-point minimum, you may read an additional title to meet the point requirement.

We look forward to hearing about your summer reading adventures when you return!

Happy Reading!

Don't forget: AR quiz the first week of school!