

## 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 quiz 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.

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### 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

## **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**

1. *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
5. *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* by James Patterson  
AR Level: 4.5 | Points: 4

 **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

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 **Tip:** Be sure to check the AR point value of the book you choose at [arbookfind.com](https://www.arbookfind.com). 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!**