2024 Summer Reading List for Middle School

*All Grades:* Please review the grade appropriate list and choose two novels. Make sure you choose books that you haven’t already read. You will be given a project when you return to school in August. *Books must have been read before the first day of school.*

**REQUIRED:** Choose two books from the options below.

### RISING 6TH GRADE

- **Smile** .................................................. Raina Telgemeier
- **Matilda** ............................................. Ronald Dahl
- **Redwall** ........................................ Brian Jacques
- **Wish** .............................................. Barbara O’Connor
- **Gregor the Overlander** ................... Suzanne Collins
- **The Good Kind of Trouble** .............. Lisa Moore Ramee

### RISING 7TH GRADE

**REQUIRED:** Choose two books from the options below.

- **The Wednesday Wars** .................... Gary D. Schmidt
- **River Thunder** .............................. Will Hobbs
- **Maze Runner** ................................. James Dashner
- **Nothing but the Truth** .................... Avi
- **The Secret Garden** ......................... Frances Hodgson Burnette
- **Watership Down** ............................. Richard Adams

### RISING 8TH GRADE

**REQUIRED:** Choose two books from the options below.

- **Home Before Dark** ......................... Sue Ellen Bridges
- **Project 1065: A Novel of WWII** ........... Alan Gratz
- **Life of Pi** ........................................ Yaan Martel
- **Little Women** .................................. Louisa M. Alcott
- **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** ......... Stephen Chbosky
- **Pay it Forward (young readers edition)** ... Catharine Ryan Hyde

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