



Middle School Summer Reading

Dear Navigator Parents,

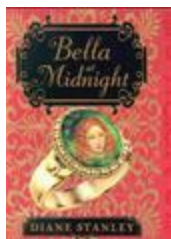
Happy Summer! Your child has worked hard throughout the school year and we would like to continue to help keep them engaged over the summer months. Research shows that students who continue to be academically engaged over the summer, have a successful start to the school year. Attached you will find a list of summer reading book options for middle school students for the upcoming school year. This summer reading assignment is to be completed before students return back to school. Students are required to read one book from the list that is within their reading range and one that has not been read before. After your child has read their book selection, you will find questions at the end of this document to be completed. The assignment needs to be **typed** and the hard copy will be due the first day of school. Relax and enjoy your summer with a good book or two.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to one of our ELA teachers.

ASSIGNMENT EXPECTATIONS: Type your answers to the following questions and have the hard copy ready to be turned in on the first day of school. Each answer should be supported by **clear evidence** from the book. Each answer should be written in complete sentences by using the question for the first part of your answer. Your answers should use correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar. This will be your first graded assignment of the school year.

1. What is the setting (time and place) of your book? Did it play an important role in the conflict of the story? If so, how did it affect the plot?
2. Who are the main character(s) in your book? What is their most noticeable personality trait? Which character did you relate to the most? Why? (you cannot write none)
3. How did the character(s) change?
4. Which character would you want to meet? Why?
5. What was the main conflict (what did the character(s) want in the story? What did they have to do to try to solve the conflict? What decisions did they make in solving the problem that you would have done differently and/or the same?
6. What did you think of the ending? What would you suggest the author change?
7. What is a theme (underlying message about a topic, critical belief about life) in the book? Relate this to your own life experiences or to other books you have read.
8. What is your general feeling about the book? Explain. What would you say to someone who might want to read this book?

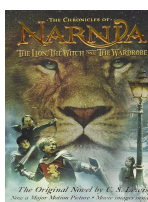
Grade 6 Selections



Eli Frieden has never left Serenity, New Mexico...why would he ever want to? Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so crazy and unexpected happens, it changes everything.



Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.



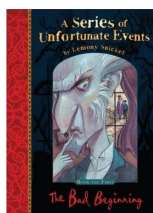
Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy find their way through an old wardrobe into the world of Narnia. There, they unite with Aslan to fight the White Witch and save Narnia from perpetual darkness.



In this riveting series opener, a telepathic girl must figure out why she is the key to her brand-new world before the wrong person finds the answer first. Book 1 or any book in this series.



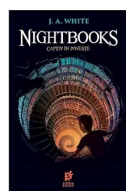
Twelve-year-old Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt Fitzroy has murder on his hands and trouble on his tail. He believes that Henry, the hippopotamus at the brand-new FunJungle, has been murdered. The zoo's top brass claim the hippo went belly up the natural way, but Teddy and his feisty friend Summer McCracken have other ideas.



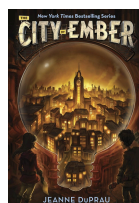
After their parents' death, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when the relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to get their fortune. Book #1



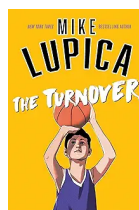
Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But there are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.



A boy is imprisoned by a witch and must tell her a new scary story each night to stay alive. This thrilling contemporary fantasy from J. A. White, the acclaimed author of the Thickety series, brings to life the magic and craft of storytelling.



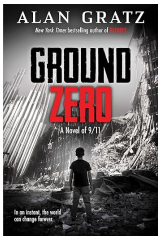
The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to dim. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. Now, she and her friend Doon must race to figure out the clues to keep the lights on. If they succeed, they will have to convince everyone to follow them into danger. But if they fail? The lights will burn out and the darkness will close in forever.



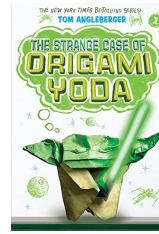
When a young basketball star decides to research his grandfather, and coach, for a school project, he uncovers a decades-old scandal that changes everything he thought he knew about his grandfather.



Unbreakable is the edge-of-your seat true story of the codebreakers, spies, and navy fighters who helped defeat the Nazis and turned the tide of World War II.

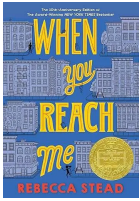


Brandon is visiting his dad in the World Trade Center on September 11 when the attack comes; Reshmina is a girl who grew up in Afghanistan in the attack's aftermath but dreams of peace and escaping.



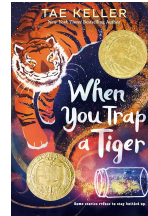
Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether the puppet can really predict the future. Book #1

Grade 7 Selections



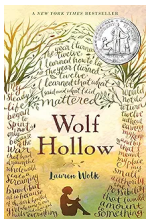
Shortly after a fall-out with her best friend, sixth grader Miranda starts receiving mysterious notes, and she doesn't know what to do. The notes tell her that she must write a letter—a true story, and that she can't share her mission with anyone. It would be easy to ignore the strange messages, except that whoever is leaving them has an uncanny ability to predict the future. If that is the case, then Miranda has a big problem—because the notes tell her that someone is going to die, and she might be too late to stop it.

The boy, Salva, becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay.



When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And

when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal—return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health—Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem!



Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.



After he is cut from his travel basketball team, the very same team that his father once led to national prominence, twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.



Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students, find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself Book #1 or other books in this series.



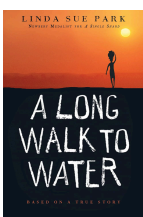
Twelve-year-old Alex Carlisle loves football almost as much as she loves her father, but when she joins the Orville Middle School football team, not all of the boys, or parents, are pleased.



Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two, dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. But tragedy awaits these determined hunters—now friends—and Billy learns that hope can grow out of despair, and that the seeds of the future can come from the scars of the past.



This work of fiction, based on true events in six different operations in settings across Europe, tells of military and civilian heroes working together on D-Day to defeat the Nazis.



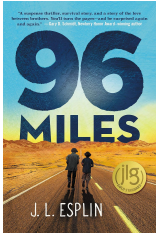
A Long Walk to Water begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day.



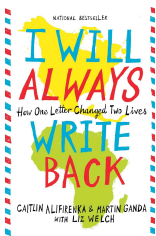
When Mr. Kermit, a burned-out teacher, is assigned to teach "The Unteachables" in room 117, they experience mayhem and destruction as well as a shot at redemption.



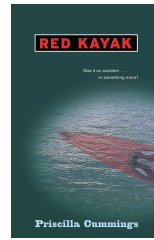
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During a massive blackout in rural Nevada, two brothers struggle to survive without their dad.



In this dual memoir, Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda recount how they became best friends and better people through letters.



Brady loves life on the Chesapeake Bay with his friends J.T. and Digger. But developers and rich families are moving into the area, and while Brady befriends some of them, like the DiAngelos, his parents and friends are bitter about the changes. Tragedy strikes when the DiAngelos' kayak overturns in the bay, and Brady wonders if it was more than an accident. Soon, Brady discovers the terrible truth behind the kayak's sinking, and it will change the lives of those he loves forever.

Grade 8 Selections



Ender's Game

Card, Orson Scott

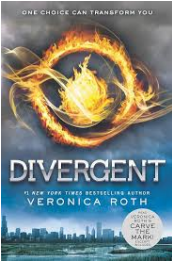
Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer games. But in reality he is being trained to be the military genius that the planet needs in its all-out war with an alien enemy. Book #1



Ruined

Morris, Paula

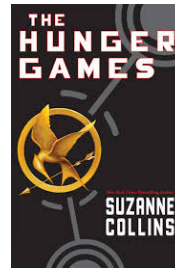
Rebecca moves to New Orleans to stay with her aunt while her father is traveling, and while most kids at school treat her poorly, a mysterious girl named Lisette shows her the hidden nooks of the city and reveals shocking truths about her own history. #1



Divergent

Roth, Veronica

In a future Chicago, 16-year-old Beatrice must choose one faction among five, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she does not fit into any one group. The plot contains graphic violence. Book #1



The Hunger Games

Collins, Suzanne

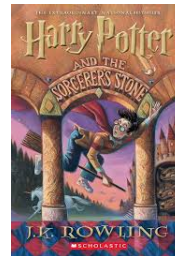
In a future North America, where rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual survival competition, 16-year-old Katniss's skills are tested when she voluntarily takes her sister's place. The plot contains graphic descriptions of violence. Book #1



The Book Thief

Zusak, Markus

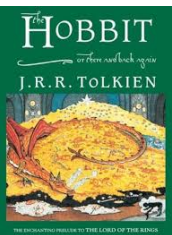
Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Rowling, J.K.

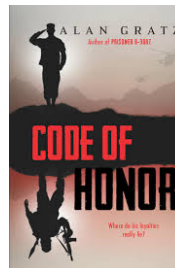
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Book #1



The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again

Tolkien, J.R.R.

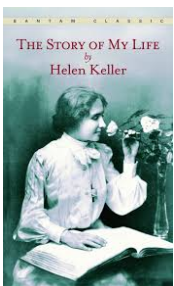
Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return



Code of Honor

Gratz, Alan

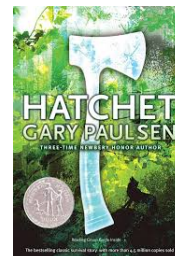
When Iranian American Kamran Smith learns that his big brother, Darius, has been labeled a terrorist, he sets out to piece together the codes and clues that will save his brother's life and his country from a deadly terrorist attack.



The Story of My Life

Keller, Helen

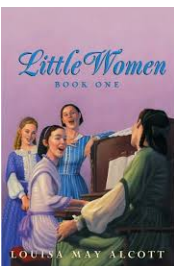
This is the story of Helen Keller's triumph over deafness and blindness.



Hatchet

Paulsen, Gary

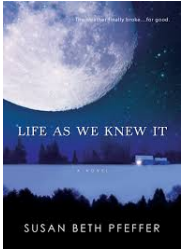
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



Little Women: Book One

Alcott, Louisa May

This classic story chronicles the joys and troubles of the four March sisters--Meg, Jo, Amy, and Beth--as they grow into young ladies.



Life as We Knew It

Pfeffer, Susan

Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family’s struggle to survive after a meteor hits the Moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.
Book #1