

PALMS Summer Book Readings

6th Grade

All incoming 6th graders should read ONE of the following books:

1. [Peak](#) by Roland Smith ([video review](#))
2. [Al Capone Does My Shirts](#) by Gennifer Choldenko
3. [Surviving the Applewhites](#) by Stephanie S Tolan
4. [Knots in my Yo-Yo String](#) by Jerry Spinelli ([video review](#))

Gifted Seminar - Students enrolled in the Gifted Seminar will also be required to read:

1. [House Arrest](#) by K.A. Holt

7th Grade

All incoming 7th graders should read ONE of the following books:

1. [Stargirl](#) by Jerry Spinelli ([video review](#))
2. [Hope Was Here](#) by Joan Bauer
3. [Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini](#) by Sid Fleishman
4. [Found](#) by Margaret Peterson Haddix ([video review](#))

Gifted Seminar - Students enrolled in the Gifted Seminar will also be required to complete the following novel:

- [Fever 1793](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson

WIP - Students enrolled in the WIP program will also be required to read the following:

1. [Flush](#) by Carl Hiaasen ([video review](#))

8th Grade

All incoming 8th graders should read ONE of the following books:

1. [Counting by 7s](#) by Holly Goldberg Sloan
2. [Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie](#) by Sonnenblick
3. [I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World](#) by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick (young readers' edition)
4. [I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban](#) by Malala Yousafzai
5. [Travel Team](#) by Mike Lupica

Gifted Seminar - Students enrolled in the Gifted Seminar will also be required to complete:

- Any ADDITIONAL book you want. Be prepared to discuss characters and author's craft when sharing it with the class the first week of school.

Some other Good Books:

- [Hatchet](#) by Gary Paulsen
- [Call of the Wild](#) by Jack London (unabridged version)