

## SUMMER READING PURPOSE

Research shows that summer reading and learning activities make a difference in a student's ability to learn when entering the next grade level. According to the *School Library Journal* students who participate in summer reading not only mitigate any summer learning loss, but even show gains. Most students who participate develop more of an interest in reading, improve their comprehension, and further develop their memory skills. Summer reading and learning can be engaging and appealing for students. FCS teachers believe **“What did *You* read last summer?”** can provide students with a low-stress, highly engaging format to enjoy and reap the benefits of reading during the summer.

Recognizing that many of our students are involved in numerous outside of class activities, Summer Reading lists are provided on our Florence City Schools website for the purpose of helping students and families preview and prepare for novel studies in the upcoming school year. Summer Reading is encouraged. Students should focus on books from the list of their upcoming grade level.

## BOOK OPTIONS

### English 7

*Teachers will select two titles in grade 7 during the academic school year.*

1. *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
2. *Anpao* by Jamake Highwater
3. *Scorpions* by Walter Dean Myers
4. *The House of Dies Drear* by Virginia Hamilton
5. *Esperanza Rising* by Pamela Munoz Ryan
6. *Hunger Games Trilogy* by Suzanne Collins
7. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba

8. *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor
9. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
10. *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz (used as summer reading between grades 7 & 8)
11. *Flesh and Blood so Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy* by Albert Marrin
12. *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
13. *We Beat the Street* by Sampson Davis
14. *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad* by Ann Petry

### English 8

*Teachers will select two titles in grade 8 during the academic school year.*

1. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
2. *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
3. *Soldier Boys* by Dean Hughes
4. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
5. *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers

6. *Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon Draper
7. *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare
8. *The Diary of Anne Frank: A Play* by Frances Goodrich
9. *The Dark is Rising Sequence: The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper
10. *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

\*\*\*\*Parents, please be involved in the selection of the texts that your child will read.\*\*\*\*\*