

# **St. Matthew's Middle School Summer Reading List**

**(Ten homework bonus points (1st Quarter) will be given to students who read TWO books from their grade level list. Students and parents must sign this sheet to return during the first week of the new school year. Late signatures will not be accepted.)**

## **Entering Grade 6 -Suggested reading only and not mandatory**

- Baum, Frank: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
- Burnett, Frances: *A Little Princess*
- Dahl, Roald: *Matilda*
- Clements, Andrew: *Lunch Money*
- McDonough, Yona: *The Bicycle Spy*
- Nielsen, Jennifer: *Iceberg*
- O'Dell, Scott: *Island of the Blue Dolphins*
- Raskin, Ellen: *The Westing Game*
- Rowling, J. K.: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
- Sutherland, Tui: *Wings of Fire Series* (1st book preferred first.)
- Taylor, Theodore: *The Cay*
- Wilson, Rawls: *Where the Red Fern Grows*

## **Entering Grade 7 -Suggested reading only and not mandatory**

- Armstrong, William H. *Sunder*
- Boyne, John: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* (highly recommended)
- Burnett, Frances H. *The Secret Garden*
- DiTerlizzi, Toni: *The Spiderwick Chronicles*
- Duprau, Jeanne: *City of Ember*
- Funke, Cornelia: *Inkheart*
- Gaiman, Neil: *Coraline*
- London, Jack: *White Fang*
- Morpurgo, Michael: *War Horse*
- O'Brien, Robert C.: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*
- Paulsen, Gary: *Hatchet* (highly recommended)
- Spinelli, Jerry: *Maniac Magee* (highly recommended)

## Entering Grade 8

**\*\*\*Assignment: Compose a typed one-page synopsis of *The Outsiders*. This is due within the first week of school. \*\*\*If you are brand new to SMS and don't have time for this synopsis, it is okay. Just do what you can.**

- Card, Orson Scott: *Ender's Game*
- Clement-Davies, David: *Firebringer*
- Herlong, M. H. *The Great, Wide Sea* (highly recommended)
- Hillenbrand, Laura: *Unbroken* (YA version or regular version) (highly recommended)
- **Hinton, S. E.: *The Outsiders* (mandatory summer reading)**
- Lee, Harper: *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- Leyson, Leon: *The Boy on the Wooden Box* (highly recommended)
- Martel, Yann: *Life of Pi*
- Morpurgo, Michael: *Private Peaceful*
- Richter, Hans Peter: *Friedrich*
- Wiesel, Elie: *Night* (highly recommended)
- Steinbeck, John: *The Pearl*
- Tolkien, J. R. R. *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* (highly recommended)

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has read two books from their grade level summer reading list for the new school year 2025-2026.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*List books read over the summer:*

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