

2021 Middle School Summer Reading Lists

Lists are based upon the student's class in the 2021-22 academic year.

Grade 5

Required: *Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan

In addition, select at least one of the following:

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible...Schindler's List by Leon Leyson

The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Baseball in April and other Stories by Gary Soto

Grade 6

Required: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

In addition, select at least one of the following:

Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scouts to Rocket Scientist by Sylvia Acevedo

The Thing about Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

The Last Musketeer by Stuart Gibbs

The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani

Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon

The Candymakers by Wendy Mass

Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin

The Secret Keepers by Trenton Lee Stewart

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend

Grade 7

Required: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

In addition, select at least one of the following:

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Johnny Treain by Esther Hoskins Forbes

You are also encouraged to read any of the following:

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Pick Your Poison by Lauren Child

Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse

Restart by Gordon Korman

Rules by Cynthia Lord

They Dance in the Sky: Native American Star Myths by Jean Guard Monroe, et al.

The Agony of Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen

When My Name Was Keoko by Linda Sue Park

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Grade 8

Required: *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds

In addition, select at least one of the following:

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell

Bone Gap by Laura Ruby

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

