



Fisher Middle School Summer Reading 2024 for Students Entering Grades 6 - 8

Dear 5th through 7th Grade Students and Parents/Guardians:

As the end of the school year approaches and you think about the summer, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss summer reading. I would like to encourage students to take some time to read literature they find enjoyable. The more students read, the more they learn, the better they write, and the more background knowledge they have to share during the school year. According to study.com, "Encouraging children to read is critical to helping them stay on track with other students and retain information and literacy development over the summer."

Reading over the summer is important for maintaining skills, but it is more important to keep it fun. Books that offer "mirrors and windows" help students better understand the world around them, as well as provide them the opportunity to reflect and learn. We encourage families to read together or find a way to make it an enjoyable experience, not a chore.

Summer Reading 2024

- Students choose their own book(s), but they cannot choose books they've already read.
- The self-selected book(s) must be read independently. To make sure the book is "just right", open it to a page in the middle and begin reading. If you don't know or misunderstand 3-4 words on one page, you need to select a different book; that many errors may make it difficult to comprehend.
- The book can be one you have at home (but haven't ever read before), an eBook or audiobook from [MackinVIA](#), one that you purchase, or one borrowed from the [Mercer County Library System](#).
- Students could form a book club to meet and read together over the summer. However, all students must submit their own individual reading responses (see below).
- If you are unable to access a book, please contact Ms. Graja.

Summer Reading Instructions

- Read at least one book of your choosing from cover to cover.
- Each time you finish a book, complete our [Summer Reading Response Google Form](#). Type <https://bit.ly/fmsssummerreading24> into your browser or scan the QR code on this page to access the form.
- Form will close **Friday, September 13, 2024**
- Each form response will serve as one raffle ticket entry! The more books you read, the more chances you have to win!

Have a wonderful summer and Happy Reading!

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Book Suggestions from our FMS Teachers

Don't have a copy of the book? Don't fret!

- All students have access to a variety of fiction and nonfiction ebooks and audiobooks through [MackinVIA](#); any titles marked with an asterisk (*) are available on MackinVIA
- No time to visit the [Mercer County Library System](#)? Try downloading an app that connects to your local library and borrow books on the go!

Entering Grade 6

If you liked [Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio, you may also like...

- *[White Bird: a Wonder Story](#) by R.J. Palacio
- *[Fish in a Tree](#) by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *[Hello, Universe](#) by Erin Entrada Kelly

If you liked *[The One and Only Ivan](#) by Katherine Applegate, you may also like...

- *[The One and Only Bob](#) and/or [The One and Only Ruby](#) by Katherine Applegate
- *[Pax](#) by Sara Pennypacker
- [The Wild Robot](#) by Peter Brown

If you liked [Flying Solo](#) by Ralph Fletcher, you may also like...

- *[The Unteachables](#) by Gordon Korman
- [Save Me A Seat](#) by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
- [Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus](#) by Dusti Bowling

Entering Grade 7

If you liked *[The Lightning Thief](#) by Rick Riordan, you may also like...

- The rest of the Percy Jackson and The Olympians series: *[The Sea of Monsters](#) (book 2), *[The Titan's Curse](#) (book 3), *[The Battle of the Labyrinth](#) (book 4), *[The Last Olympian](#) (book 5) - all are available as *graphic novels
- *[Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky](#) by Kwame Mbalia (available as both *prose and *graphic novel)
- [Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy](#) by Angie Thomas

If you liked *[Amal Unbound](#) by Aisha Saeed, you may also like...

- *[Omar Rising](#) by Aisha Saeed
- *[Other Words for Home](#) by Jasmine Warga
- *[The Bridge Home](#) by Padma Venkatraman

Entering Grade 8

If you liked *[Refugee](#) by Alan Gratz, you may also like...

- *[Ground Zero](#) by Alan Gratz
- [The Red Pencil](#) by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- [The Boy at the Back of the Class](#) by Onjali Q. Raúf

If you liked novels in poetic verse (like [Long Way Down](#)), you may also like ...

- *[The Door of No Return](#) by Kwame Alexander
- *[Aniana del Mar Jumps In](#) by Jasminne Mendez
- *[Rhyme Schemer](#) by K.A. Holt

