



Fisher Middle School Summer Reading 2023 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 2023

- 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.
- Students could form a book club to meet and read together over the summer. However, all students must submit their own reading logs.
- 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](#).
- If you are unable to access a book, please contact Ms. Graja.

Summer Reading Instructions

- Students should record the pages read each time they read. Use the attached Summer Reading Log to record your reading.
- The Reading Log must be given to your ELA teacher **by Friday, September 8, 2023**
- Any student who returns a log will be entered in a raffle!

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](#)
- The [Mercer County Library System](#) has books to borrow virtually or in-person.

Entering Grade 6

If you liked *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, you may also like...

- *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Eskine
- [Stargirl](#) by Jerry Spinelli
- [Fish in a Tree](#) by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell

If you liked *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, you may also like...

- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- [White Bird: a Wonder Story](#) by R.J. Palacio
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Daniel's Story* by Carol Matas

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

- *Chained* by Lynne Kelly
- *Waiting for the Magic* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Little Dog, Lost* by Marion Dane Bauer
- *A Dog Called Homeless* by Sarah Lean

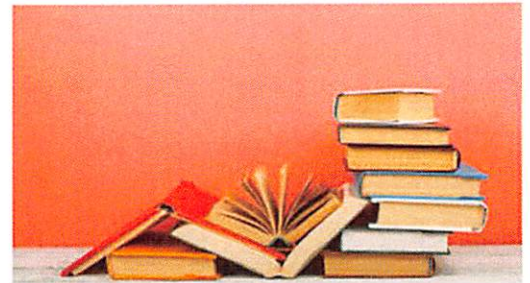
Entering Grade 7

If you liked *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman, you may also like...

- *Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio* by Tony Johnston
- *The Word Eater* by Mary Amato
- *How Angel Peterson Got His Name* by Gary Paulsen
- *One Good Thing about America* by Ruth Freeman

If you liked *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick, you may also like...

- *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt
- *Chicken Boy* by Frances O'Roark Dowell
- [Tangerine](#) by Edward Bloor
- [Crossing Jordan](#) by Adrian Fogelin



Entering Grade 8

If you liked The [Refugee](#) Unit, you may also like...

- [Inside Out and Back Again](#) by Thannha Lai
- [When Stars are Scattered](#) by Victoria Jamieson
- *Internment* by Samira Ahmed
- *The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

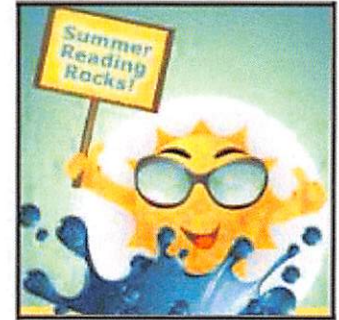
If you liked reading books in poetic verse (like *Long Way Down*), you may also like ...

- [The Crossover](#) or *Booked* by Kwame Alexander
- [Brown Girl Dreaming](#) by Jacqueline Woodson
- [Becoming Muhammad Ali](#) by Kwame Alexander and James Patterson



Summer Reading Log 2023

Students Entering Grades 6-8



Name: _____ Grade in September: _____

DIRECTIONS: Choose your summer reading book. Record the information below each time you read. You can add lined paper if you run out of space, or additional pages can be printed from the Summer Reading link on your school's website. **This reading log must be given to your ELA teacher on the Friday, September 9, 2023.**

Date	Book Title	Total Minutes Read Today	Total Pages Read Today	How many stars would I give today's reading?	Big Idea for Today's Reading

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Total Number of Pages Read this Summer: _____

Total Number of Minutes Read this Summer: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____