

## MPCS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING

In order to promote an authentic love of reading and to encourage students to develop a life-long habit of literacy, students will read a minimum of two books from a grade-level list. Students should choose books that interest them and be prepared to do a project on their books when they return to school in August.

These selections have been made based on content, reading level, and genre variety. Choices have been screened through [www.commonsemmedia.com](http://www.commonsemmedia.com) when available; however your family is encouraged to do additional research on a book's content to determine appropriateness and fit for your child. As our students continue to grow and mature through middle school, they will likely be introduced to some mature content and are encouraged to have healthy, Biblically-based conversations with parents, teachers, and school leaders. Lexile Levels have been included to aid in choosing a reading-level appropriate novel. For more information on Lexile Levels, use this [LINK](#). Note: Lexile Level "NP" indicates books that are non-prose. These books can be more challenging because of their unique structure.

Students in Advanced classes should consider books marked with an \*asterisk before the title in each list.

### Rising Sixth Grade Summer Reading:

Choose at least two books from the list below that you have not read previously.

<b>Sixth Grade Student Choice Reading Selections</b>			
<u>Save Me a Seat</u> by Sarah Weeks Lexile Level: 780	<u>Calling All Minds: How to Think and Create Like an Inventor</u> by Temple Grandin Lexile Level: 1060L	* <u>The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid</u> by Colin Meloy Lexile Level: 840L	<u>This Side of Wild: Mutts, Mares, and Laughing Dinosaurs</u> by Gary Paulsen Lexile Level: 1150L
<u>Rebound</u> by Kwame Alexander Lexile Level: 780L	* <u>Amal Unbound</u> by Aisha Saeed Lexile Level: 600L	* <u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u> by Mildred D. Taylor Lexile Level: 920L	<u>Heaven is for Real</u> by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent Lexile Level: Not available
* <u>The Ethan I Was Before</u> by Ali Standish Lexile Level: 730L	<u>nine, ten</u> by Nora Raleigh Baskin Lexile Level: 730L	<u>City of Ember</u> by Jeanne Duprau Lexile Level: 680L	<u>The Magician's Nephew</u> by C.S. Lewis Lexile Level: 790L
<u>Shoe Dog</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by Phil Knight Lexile Level: 830L	<u>Gregor the Overlander</u> , book 1 by Suzanne Collins Lexile Level: 690L	<u>The Bronze Bow</u> by Elizabeth George Spear Lexile Level: 760L	* <u>Stella by Starlight</u> by Sharon M. Draper Lexile Level: 740L
<u>Making Bombs for Hitler</u> by Marsha Skrypuch Lexile Level: 760L	<u>Anne of Green Gables</u> by L.N. Montgomery Lexile Level: 990L	<u>Moon Over Manifest</u> by Clare Vanderpool Lexile Level: 800L	<u>Merci Suarez Changes Gears</u> by Meg Medina Lexile Level: 700L
<u>Tim Tebow: Shaken</u> by Tim Tebow Lexile Level: 740L	<u>The Worst Class Trip Ever</u> by Dave Berry Lexile Level: 770L	<u>City of Orphans</u> by AVI Lexile Level: 570L	* <u>Bud, Not Buddy</u> by Christopher Paul Curtis Lexile Level: 950L
<u>My Side of the Mountain</u> by Jean Craighead George Lexile Level: 810L	* <u>Invisible Men: Life in Baseball's Negro League</u> by Donn Rogosin Lexile Level: NP	* <u>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</u> by Jennifer Armstrong Lexile Level: 1090L	<u>King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige</u> by Wes Tooke Lexile Level: 900L
<u>Soul Surfer</u> by Bethany Hamilton Lexile Level: 960L	<u>Paper Wishes</u> by Lois Sepahaban Lexile Level: 550L	<u>Mockingbird</u> by Kathryn Erskine Lexile Level: 630L	<u>Fever 1793</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson Lexile Level: 580L
<u>Salt</u> by Helen Frost Lexile Level: NP	* <u>Echo</u> by Pam Munoz Ryan Lexile Level: 680L	<u>Hoot</u> by Carl Hiaasen Lexile Level: 760L	<u>City of Orphans</u> by AVI Lexile Level: 570L

**Rising Seventh Grade Summer Reading:**

Seventh-grade students are required to read **a minimum of two books** over the summer. Students will read one book of their choice from the Historical Fiction Reading Selections and a second book of their choice from the Student Choice Reading Selections lists below. Choose books from the lists that you have not previously read.

<b>Seventh Grade Historical Fiction Reading Selections (Choose at least one from this list)</b>			
<u>Woods Runner</u> by Gary Paulsen Lexile Level: 870L	<u>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</u> by AVI Lexile Level: 740L	<u>Making Bombs for Hitler</u> by Marsha Skrypuch Lexile Level: 760L	<u>Calico Girl</u> By Jerdine Nolen Lexile Level: 720L
<u>Esperanza Rising</u> by Pam Munoz Ryan Lexile Level: 750L	<u>The Shakespeare Stealer</u> by Gary L. Blackwood Lexile Level: 840L	<u>White Bird</u> by R.J. Palacio Lexile Level: Graphic Novel 440L	<u>The Length of a String</u> by Elissa Brent Weissman Lexile Level: 730L
<u>Refugee</u> by Alan Gratz Lexile Level: 800L	<u>Rescue</u> by Jennifer Nielsen Lexile Level: 740L	<u>Wolf Hollow</u> by Lauren Wolk Lexile Level: 800L	<u>Breaking Stalin's Nose</u> by Eugene Yelchin Lexile Level: 670L
<u>Projekt 1065</u> by Alan Gratz Lexile Level: 780L	<u>*Inside Out and Back Again</u> by Thanhha Lai Lexile Level: 800L	<u>The Invisible Thread</u> by Yoshiko Uchida Lexile Level: 1060L	<u>*The Journey of Little Charlie</u> by Christopher Paul Curtis Lexile Level: 930L
<u>Walk Two Moons</u> by Sharon Creech Lexile Level: 770L	<u>The Book Thief</u> by Markus Zusak Lexile Level: 730L	<u>*Out of the Dust</u> by Karen Hesse Lexile Level: NP	<u>*Johnny Tremain</u> by Esther Forbes Lexile Level: 840L

<b>Seventh Grade Student Choice Reading Selections (Choose at least one from this list)</b>			
<u>Counting by 7's</u> by Holly Goldberg Sloan Lexile Level: 770L	<u>Shouting at the Rain</u> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt Lexile Level: 560L	<u>*Far North</u> by Will Hobbs Lexile Level: 820L	<u>A Drop of Hope</u> by Keith Calabrese Lexile Level: 810L
<u>Short</u> by Holly Goldberg Sloan Lexile Level: 810L	<u>Gifted Hands</u> by Ben Carson Lexile Level: 950L	<u>As Easy as Falling Off the Face of the Earth</u> by Lynne Rae Perkins Lexile Level: 730L	<u>*Brown Girl Dreaming</u> by Jacqueline Woodson Lexile Level: 990L
<u>The Elephant Whisperer</u> (Young Readers Adaptation) by Lawrence Anthony Lexile Level: 840L	<u>The Red Bandana</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by Tom Rinaldi Lexile Level: 980L	<u>*The Voyage of the Dawn Treader</u> by C. S. Lewis Lexile Level: 970L	<u>Misty Copeland: Life in Motion</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by Misty Copeland Lexile Level: 890L
<u>*Treasure Island</u> by Robert Louis Stevenson Lexile Level: 1070L	<u>*And Then There Were None</u> by Agatha Christie Lexile Level: 570L	<u>John Lincoln Clem: Civil War Drummer Boy</u> by E.F. Abbott Lexile Level: 680L	<u>Chasing Space</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by Leland Melvin Lexile Level: 1020L

## Rising Eighth Grade Required Reading:

Eighth-grade students are required to read a **minimum of two books** over the summer from the list below. Students should choose one book that has an historical connection, which is denoted in **BOLD**. Choose books from the list that you have not previously read.

<b>Eighth Grade Student Choice Reading Selections: Non-Fiction, Fiction, and Historical Fiction</b> Choose at least one that is denoted as <b>Historical (in bold)</b> and choose another from the list.			
<u><b>Irena's Children (Young Reader's Edition)</b></u> by Tilar Mazzeo Lexile Level: 1000L	<u>*The Hobbit</u> by J.R.R. Tolkien Lexile Level: 1000L	<u>*The Lord of the Flies</u> by William Golding Lexile Level: 770L	<u><b>Choosing Courage</b></u> by Peter Collier Lexile Level: 1150L
<u>*Chasing King's Killer</u> by James L. Swanson Lexile Level: 1010L	<u>The Invisible Thread</u> by Yoshiko Uchida Lexile Level: 1060L	<u>March Books 1, 2 &amp; 3</u> by John Lewis Lexile Level: 760L-850L	<u>Weedflower</u> by Cynthia Kadohata Lexile Level: 750L
<u><b>Unbroken (Young Reader's Edition)</b></u> by Laura Hillenbrand Lexile Level: 850L	<u>*<b>Boys in the Boat (Young Reader's Edition)</b></u> by Daniel James Brown Lexile Level: 1000L	<u>*Little Women (Unabridged Classic)</u> by Louisa May Alcott Lexile Level: 1090L	<u><b>I am Malala (Young Reader's Edition)</b></u> by Malala Yousafzai Lexile Level: 830L
<u>The Making of a Navy Seal</u> by Brandon Webb Lexile Level: 1020L	<u>Bread and Roses, too</u> by Katherine Patterson Lexile Level: 810L	<u><b>The Shakespeare Stealer</b></u> by Gary L. Blackwood Lexile Level: 840L	<u>Ashes</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson Lexile Level: 820L
<u><b>The Devil's Arithmetic</b></u> by Jane Yolen Lexile Level: 730L	<u>*<b>Out of the Dust</b></u> by Karen Hesse Lexile Level: NP	<u>The Last Cherry Blossom</u> by Kathleen Birkenshaw Lexile Level: 750L	<u>Far North</u> by Will Hobbs Lexile Level: 820L
<u><b>Flags of Our Fathers (Young Reader's Edition)</b></u> by James Bradley Lexile Level: 950L	<u>*<b>Farewell to Manzanar</b></u> by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston Lexile Level: 1040L	<u>*<b>Corrie ten Boom: Keeper of the Angel's Den</b></u> by Janet and Geoff Benge Lexile Level: NP	<u><b>The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler</b></u> by John Hendrix Lexile Level: 980L
<u><b>Outrun the Moon</b></u> by Stacey Lee Lexile Level: 780L	<u>Echo Mountain</u> by Lauren Wolk Lexile Level: 690L	<u>Pay Attention</u> Carter Jones by Gary Schmidt Lexile Level: 840L	<u><b>Threads and Flames</b></u> by Esther Friesner Lexile Level: 840L
<u>*<b>Bound by Ice</b></u> by Rich Wallace Lexile Level: 1050L	<u>Robinson Crusoe</u> by Daniel Defoe Lexile Level: 1270L	<u><b>Fly Girls (Young Reader's Edition)</b></u> by Keith O'Brien Lexile Level: 910L	<u>Watership Down</u> by Richard Adams Lexile Level: 880L
<u>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</u> by Mark Twain Lexile Level: 970L			