

Middle School Summer Reading 2020–2021

Summer reading provides an invitation to engage with stories that expand our imaginations and our empathy. Reading books transport us away from our daily lives so that when we return, we can more fully consider, critique, grow, and enjoy our lives and community. When we read, we become changemakers.

After your required reading, you may choose to read any book you and your family decide is a good fit. If you're ready for a challenge, go to the next grade- remember that social and situational complexities increase as well. If your mind is full and reading feels impossible and you need an "easy" read, go back a grade.

Required Reading for 4th and 5th Graders

Tale of Despereaux, Kate DiCamillo

Required Reading for 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

The Ugly One, Leanne Statland Ellis

4th – 8th graders

Read 3 additional books from the lists below.

Select 3 additional books from our summer reading lists linked below.

- [4th & 5th grade](#)
- [6th & 7th grade](#)
- [8th grade](#)

Or you may find a book on one of these lists that you would rather read. That's fine too.

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