

## Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 8

The summer reading for incoming eighth graders includes three novels. Students have three options for the required novel: *Fahrenheit 451*, *Lord of the Flies*, and *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. The second and third novels may be selected from the attached lists or your personal library.

One option for the required novel is *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury: “Bradbury’s masterful novel, published in 1951, explores issues of censorship, independent thought and free speech, propaganda, technology, and alienation in society.

The second option for required reading is *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. This beautifully written book is symbolic of the roles of human nature and the roles of government.

The third option is *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. This book contains the writings from the Dutch language diary kept by 13 year old Anne Frank while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. It has been on several lists of the top books of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Each student is responsible for purchasing and reading the novel. As you read, highlight, and take notes in your novel. Keep a “character log” for one of the characters in the novel. **This “log” should be a list of 10-15 quotations (including page numbers) that demonstrate any elements of the character’s personality. You must also give a brief explanation of the quotation. Remember, quotations do NOT have to be dialogue.**

In addition to this required reading, students are required to read two other books *which they have not previously read*. These books may be chosen from the **Michael L. Printz Award** list, the **Newbery Award** list, or the **Additional Books** list attached here. Students should complete the attached “Book Summary Sheet” for each of these two books. All of the summer reading work must be handed in on the first day of school.

# ADDITIONAL BOOKS

*Whirligig*, Paul Fleischman  
*The Hobbit*, J.R.R. Tolkein  
*The Fellowship of the Ring* trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkein  
*Animal Farm*, George Orwell  
*1984*, George Orwell  
*Catcher in the Rye*, J.D. Salinger  
*The Three Musketeers*, Alexandre Dumas  
*Artemis Fowl*, Eoin Colfer  
*The Golden Compass*, *The Amber Spyglass*, *The Subtle Knife*, Phillip Pullman  
*Holes*, Louis Sachar  
*The Pigman*, Paul Zindel  
*A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeleine L'Engle  
*Jurassic Park*, Michael Crichton  
*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Louis Stevenson  
*The View from Saturday*, E.L. Konigsburg  
*The Diary of a Young Girl*, Ann Frank  
*Of Mice and Men*, John Steinbeck  
*A Walk to Remember*, Nicholas Sparks  
*The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton  
*Harry Potter* books, J.K. Rowling  
*Speak*, Laurie Halse Anderson  
*The Call of the Wild*, Jack London  
*Souder*, William Armstrong  
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou  
*Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway  
*A Separate Peace*, John Knowles  
*A Day No Pigs Would Die*, Robert Peck  
*Death Be Not Proud*, John Gunther  
*Into Thin Air*, Krakauer, Jon  
*When the Legends Die*, Hal Borland  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, Speare  
*Bull Run*, Paul Fleischman  
*The Chocolate War*, Robert Cormier  
*Farewell to Manzanar*, Houston  
*Fahrenheit 451*, *Dandelion Wine*, *The Halloween Tree*, Ray Bradbury  
*Flowers for Algernon*, Daniel Keyes  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain  
*Dracula*, Bram Stoker  
*Treasure Island* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, Robert Louis Stevenson  
*To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee  
*Out of the Dust*, Karen Hesse  
*Inherit the Wind*, Lawrence and Lee

*The Crucible*, Arthur Miller  
*Hiroshima*, John Hersey  
*Lord of the Flies*, William Golding  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
*Through the Looking Glass* and *Alice in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll  
*Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott  
*Jurassic Park*, Michael Crichton  
*Middle School Blues*, Dorohea Kassem  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God*, Zora Neale Hurston  
*Slaughterhouse Five*, Kurt Vonnegut\*  
*Of Mice and Men* and *The Pearl*, John Steinbeck  
*Boys Life*, Robert McGamon

## ADDITIONAL BOOKS ENJOYED BY PREVIOUS STUDENTS

The Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowitz  
The On The Run Series by Gordon Korman  
The Maximum Ride Series by James Patterson  
*Catch* by Will Leitch  
*A Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass  
*Glory Field* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Change Up* by John Feinstein  
*The Big Field* by Mike Lupica  
*Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Summer of my German Soldier* by Bette Greene  
*Travel Team* by Mike Lupica  
*The Entitled* by Frank Deford  
*My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier and Chris Collier  
*Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac  
*Rifles for Watie* by Harold Keith  
*Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Small Steps* by Louis Sachar  
*Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* by Chris Crutcher  
*Incantation* by Alice Hoffman  
*Green Angel* by Alice Hoffman  
*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin  
*A Hero Ain't Nothin' but a Sandwich* by Alice Childress  
*Shane* by Jack Schaefer  
*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor  
*Jump Ship to Freedom* by James and Christopher Collier  
*Trouble Don't Last* by Shelley Pearsall  
*Looking for Alaska* by John Green  
*The Boy Who Saved Baseball*







