

8th Grade Language Arts

Required Reading Assignment

This summer should be filled with relaxation and sharing time with your family and friends. One great way to relax and refuel is to read great books! Students will be required to read *at least* three books over the summer. Students must read at least one of the books from the list below and two self-selected books. A suggested book list has been provided to assist with the self-selection process; however, you may choose two additional books that you and your parents feel are appropriate and are a “just right match” for you as a reader. Books with an asterisk (*) next to the title have been previewed and approved by the district. Titles may be acquired through your local library or local area bookstore. If families are experiencing limitations due to the pandemic this summer and are unable to locate a copy of one of the required books listed below, the texts may be replaced with a choice book.

Read one book from the selections below:



**Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonneblick

**Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton and Rick Bundschuh

Then, read two books of your choice. You may choose from the list of suggestions below, or choose a different title appropriate for your reading level and personal interests.

Endangered by Eliot Schrefer

Peeled by Joan Bauer

**The Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

**Harry Potter* series

**Lord of the Rings* series

Percy Jackson series

Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner

The Wave by Todd Strasser

Goodbye, Stranger by Rebecca Stead

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Divergent Series

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell


Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

In addition, students will be required to complete the following activities.

1. Keep a complete list of all the books you read over the summer. Record the author, title, and dates on the list. Rate each title with a 1 – 5 star rating, with 1 being poor and 5 being terrific.
2. The reading log can be brought to school on the first day, and students should plan to discuss their summer reading during the first week of school.

Student Name: _____

Reading Log

Book Title and Author	Date Started	Date Finished	Rate This Book (1=poor, 5=terrific)
Example: <u>The Little Princess</u> by Frances Hodgson Burnett	6/17	6/26	 I love this book!

Parent Signature_____