



Summer Reading List For Incoming 8th Graders

The summer months allow students the opportunity to explore a wide variety of texts. We encourage you and your child to choose summer reading high-quality books that are both enjoyable and challenging for them. The faculty carefully chose the titles below for your consideration. Reading is an important skill that is best improved by constant practice. Research shows that children who read consistently are strong writers and develop strong vocabulary skills. No matter which grade your child is in, reading with your child is paramount.

In order to challenge students at the appropriate reading level, students **are required** to read and annotate **one** of the following books before entering school in the fall.

Least Challenging	Intermediate	Challenging
<u>Tangerine</u> by Edward Bloor	<u>Ender’s Game</u> by Orson Scott Card	<u>The Book Thief</u> by Markus Zusak

Students may choose to read any additional books from the list below.

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Adams, Douglas	<u>Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy</u>
Alcott, Louisa May	<u>Little Women</u>
Banks, Lynne Reid Banks	<u>One More River</u>
Bronte, Charlotte	<u>Jane Eyre</u>
Burnett, Francis Hodgson	<u>The Secret Garden</u>
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<u>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</u>
Farmer, Nancy	<u>The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm</u>
Frank, Anne	<u>The Diary of a Young Girl</u>
Keyes, Daniel	<u>Flowers for Algernon</u>
Orwell, George	<u>1984</u>
Pullman, Philip	<u>The Golden Compass</u> (any books in this series)
Marjorie Kinnan	<u>The Yearling</u>
Shelley, Mary	<u>Frankenstein</u>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<u>Lord of the Rings</u> (any books in this series)
Twain, Mark	<u>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</u>
Wells, H.G.	<u>The Time Machine</u>
Yolen, Jane	<u>The Devil’s Arithmetic</u>