

2019 DC Middle School Summer Reading

Reading is essential for success in all content areas, and we want to build on the growth of this school year. To keep students focused on reading comprehension, learning new vocabulary, and discussing literary techniques, the middle school English teachers have selected several novels for incoming and continuing middle school students. If you have read all of the novels previously, please contact mdeboer@denverchristian.org.

The requirements vary by grade level. Lexile ranges are listed following each title to guide your selection. However, lexile ranges are just one way to determine if the book is appropriate. You should also consider what types of books match your interests. [Common Sense Media](#) is a good source if you want to check out content.

Students are always free to go beyond the minimum requirements and read all the novels on their specific reading list! :) We hope to hear about some fun family reading time too! ENJOY!

Incoming Sixth Graders: Read at least ONE of these novels carefully AND one of your own choosing.

- Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli (590)
- Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (700)
- Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson (810)
- Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls (810)
- Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George (860)
- Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen (760)
- Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan (740)
- Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins (630)

Incoming Seventh Graders: Read at least ONE of these novels carefully AND one of your own choosing.

- The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien (1000)
- Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart (840)
- The Maze Runner* by James Dashner (770)
- The Cay* by Theodore Taylor (860)
- Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan (770)
- Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (670)
- Wrinker* by Jerry Spinelli (690)
- Moon over Manifest* by Claire Vanderpool (800)

Incoming Eighth Graders: Read at least TWO of these novels carefully AND one of your own choosing.

The Contender by Robert Lipsyte (760)

House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer (660)

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld (770)

Matched by Allyson Braithwaite Condie (680)

Between Shades of Grey by Ruta Sepetys (490)

Trouble by Gary D. Schmidt (930)

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs (890)

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi (740)

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (730)