

Summer Reading: Incoming 8th graders

This summer, I hope you all will read many books that interest you and keep your minds active. Please select **THREE** books for your **required** summer reading. Your selections should be books you have not previously read. You will write about and complete projects on these books at the start of the school year, so having access to a personal copy of each book is highly recommended. You may also wish to jot down some basic notes about plot and characters as you are reading.

Summer Reading Selection Challenge. As a fun, alternative way to find your books, use three of these scavenger-hunt clues to help you find some different titles. (Or, after you've picked your books, see which of these categories your books fit.)

- A Standout:** a book that is NOT in a series.
- Old School:** a book one of your parents read at your age and loved.
- Opposites attract:** a book that has a main character who is the opposite gender from you.
- A land far, far away:** a book with a real setting in a foreign country.
- Never gets old:** a book considered a "classic."
- Out of the box:** a book in a genre you've never read before. (Examples of genres include historical fiction, action adventure, sci-fi/fantasy, realistic fiction, biography or autobiography, etc.)
- Geocaching:** A book that has a map inside.
- Friends of the Animals:** a book that features an animal/animals.
- By the numbers:** a book with a number in the title.
- Survey says:** a book listed as #3 on a list. (Examples of lists to check include the New York Times Best Sellers Young Adult, Common Sense Media, Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) awards. See links below.)
- Identity theft:** a book with a main character who either shares your initials or your first name.
- Life's a beach:** a book that relates to something you do or will do during the summer.

Episcopal Middle School "Must-Reads" To further inform your quest for the perfect summer reading, follow this link for suggestions by middle school students: <https://goo.gl/fTr8Ho> These are the books, series, and authors that Episcopal middle school students say you "must read" before you finish middle school.

Parents, please take an active part in your child's summer reading selections. Not every book is right for every reader. Good resources for more information on these books include:

www.commonsensemedia.org and www.goodreads.com.

Helpful Booklists:

Louisiana Young Readers Choice List (6-8) and Louisiana Teen Readers Choice List

<http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice/lyrc-2018-program>

Young Adult Library Services Association Book Awards (YALSA):

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklistsawards/bookawards>