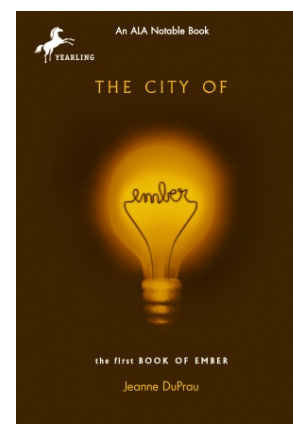




Summer is a great time of year to just lie around a pool and read a great book. In order to help build our community of readers, we are requiring each student to read the required book and one book from the optional list below. Students will be tested on the required book and must submit a book report on the optional book (using the attached *Book Report Form (6-8)*) upon returning to their language arts class in August.

Required:

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau



One book from the following options:

As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds
Booked by Kwame Alexander
Dream On, Amber by Emma Shevah
Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary
 by Gail Jarrow
Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods
 by Hal Johnson
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
The Girl Who Drank the Moon
 by Kelly Barnhill
Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel
 by Megan Morrison
Hour of the Bees by Lindsay Eagar
In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse
 by Joseph Marshall
Listen, Slowly by Thanhà Lai
Masterminds by Gordon Korman
*Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the
 Motown Sound* by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos
The Witch of Blackbird Pond
 by Elizabeth George Speare
The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
The Cay by Theodore Taylor
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor
Millicent Min, Girl Genius
 by Lisa Yee
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) by
 Trenton Lee Stewart
Crispin (series) by Avi
The Lost Years of Merlin (series)
 by T. A. Barron
The Ranger's Apprentice (series)
 by John Flanagan
The Unwanteds: The Unwanteds
 by Lisa McMann:
The Unwanteds: Island of Silence
 by Lisa McMann):
Habibi by Naomi Shahib Nye
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind
 by Suzanne Fisher Staples
*Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek
 Myths* by Bernard Evslin
Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool
Goblin Secrets by William Alexander
Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
The Thing About Luck by Cynthia Kadohata
Little Blog on the Prairie
 by Cathleen Davitt Bell
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordon
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
The Always War by Margaret Haddix

Advanced options:

The Inheritance Cycle (series) by Christopher Paolini
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson
The Chosen by Chaim Potok
Montmorency (series) by Eleanor Updale
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
City of Beasts by Isabel Allende
The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

You may choose any book from a series unless noted otherwise.

**Want to know if a book is appropriate for your child? Do what we do.
 Check it out at commonsensemedia.org.**