



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:

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson



One book from the following options:

- Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- Booked* by Kwame Alexander
- Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary*
by Gail Jarrow
- The Inquisitor's Tale, or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz
- In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse*
by Joseph Marshall
- Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff
- Mark of the Thief* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- Me & Miranda Mullaly* by Jake Gerhardt
- Most Dangerous: Daniel Elisberg and the Secret*
- One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance* by Nikki Grimes
- Samurai Rising* by Pamela S. Turner
- Short* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story*
by Caren Stelson
- What Elephants Know* by Eric Dinerstein
- The Wolf's Boy* by Susan Williams Beckhorn
- You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*
by Carole Boston Weatherford
- A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Middle School: Get Me Out of Here!*
By Chris Tebbetts and James Patterson
- We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson

- Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer
- A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz
- P.S. Be Eleven* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
- Navigating Early* by Claire Vanderpool
- Boxers and Saints* by Gene Luen Yang
- Far Far Away* by Tom McNeal
- The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen
- Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt
- The Thing About Luck* by Cynthia Kadohata
- How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*
by Julia Alvarez
- Skinny* by Ibolya Kaslik
- Keeping the Castle* by Patrice Kindl
- The Inheritance Cycle* (series)
by Christopher Paolini
- The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
- Montmorency* (series) by Eleanor Updale
- Murder on the Orient Express*
by Agatha Christie
- Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind*
by Suzanne Fisher Staples
- Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes
- The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck
- Dust Devils* by Robert Laxalt
- The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
- The Apothecary* by Maile Meloy

Advanced options:

- I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- An American Hero: The True Story of Charles A. Lindbergh* by Barry Denenberg
- Andersonville* by MacKinlay Kantor
- This Side of Paradise* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Treasure Island* (unabridged)
by Robert Louis Stevenson
- The Hound of the Baskervilles* (unabridged)
by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
by Lewis Carroll

- The Invisible Man* by H. G. Wells
- The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- City of the Beasts* by Isabel Allende
- The Time Machine* (unabridged) by H.G. Wells
- Kingdom of the Golden Dragon*
by Isabel Allende
- History of the Vietnam War* by Steve Sheinkin
- Temeraire* (series) by Naomi Novik
(Choose only from the options below):
- His Majesty's Dragon*
- Throne of Jade*
- Black Powder War*
- Empire of Ivory*

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.
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