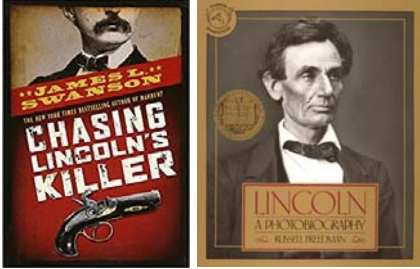




Summer is a great time of year to just lie around a pool and read a great book. In order to help build our community of readers, we are requiring each student to read three books over the summer. The first two books are required for all students and the third may be selected from the optional list below. Students will take a quiz on two required books upon returning to their language arts classes in August. Student must also submit a book report using the attached (*Book Report Form (6-8)*). The first two books will also be used for in-class projects.

**Required:**

*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson  
*Lincoln: A Photobiography* by Russell Freedman



**One book from the following options:**

- Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- Nimona* by Noelle Stevenson
- The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* by Steve Sheinkin
- Booked* by Kwame Alexander
- Mark of the Thief* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- 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
- To Stay Alive: Mary Ann Graves and the Tragic Journey of the Donner Party* by Skila Brown
- Uprooted: The Japanese American Experience during World War II* by Albert Marrin
- We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler* by Russell Freedman
- Dodger* by Terry Pratchett
- Charles Dickens and the Street Children* by Andrea Warren
- The Apothecary* by Maile Meloy
- 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

**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
- Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
- History of the Vietnam War* by Steve Sheinkin

- The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club* by Phillip Hoose
  - 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
  - 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. Check it out at commonsensemedia.org.**