

St. Paul School

2018 Summer Reading Suggestions and Requirements

Attached please find a recommended list of books for your middle school student. Summer reading may not be at the top of your son's or daughter's list, but it can be with your help. Although these are only a few suggestions there are hundreds of books for middle school students to choose from. Along with helpful hints to get your child started you can check the internet; a good start is education.com. Please note those books intended for middle school are level (M).

In addition to these suggestions for summer reading, students entering or returning to middle school will be required to read at least two books, on which they will be assessed upon their return to school. One of the books will be required social studies and the second literature. School begins on Wednesday, August 29, 2018; the assessments will be given some time during this first week of school, and will be part of your child's first test grade for the year in both literature and social studies.

Sixth Grade required reading

1. "Wonder"- RJ Palacio
2. "The Golden Bull"- Marjorie Crowley

Seventh Grade required reading

1. "Tuck, Everlasting"- Natalie Babbitt
2. "Queens Own Fool"- Jane Yolen

Eighth Grade required reading

1. "The Thing with Feathers"- McCall Hoyle
2. "A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl"- Patricia C. McKissack

The greatest gift is a passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, and it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind. It is a moral illumination.

Elizabeth Hardwick

Here are three tips to help you choose stories:

1. Ask librarians and teachers for recommendations. If your child doesn't already have a library card, sign them up!
2. Find books that expand your child's interests (animal, history, sports, etc...)
3. Pick stories for both information and enjoyment. If they're not interesting for them, they'll never read it.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!