



Cedar Grove School District

2020 Suggest Summer Reading – Memorial School - Grades 5-8

Reading any book on this list is OPTIONAL.

The Memorial Middle School English teachers are pleased to recommend the following titles for the summer of 2020. Please Note: There are no assignments connected to any of the titles listed for any grade level. These books are provided simply for your reading pleasure as well as to continually develop our students' reading skills.

NOTE: Please understand there are no written assignments for any of the books listed below.

For Students Entering Grade 5	
Fiction	
Title	Author
<i>The Truth As Told By Mason Buttle</i>	Leslie Connor
<i>New Kid</i>	Jerry Craft
<i>El Deafo</i>	Cece Bell
<i>Flora and Ulysses</i>	Kate DiCamillo
<i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i>	Rob Buyea
<i>The Pet War</i>	Allan Woodrow
<i>Wishtree</i>	Katherine Applegate
<i>The Island of Dr. Libris</i>	Chris Grabenstein
<i>Genesis Begins Again</i>	Alicia D. Williams
<i>Echo</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i>	Dusti Bowling
<i>Out of My Mind</i>	Sharon M. Draper
<i>The Report Card</i>	Andrew Clement
<i>Rain Reign</i>	Ann M. Martin
<i>Big Game</i>	Stuart Gibbs
<i>Roll With It</i>	Jamie Sumner
<i>Spy School</i>	Stuart Gibbs
<i>Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks</i>	Jason Reynolds
<i>Lucky Strike</i>	Bobby Pyron
<i>Chomp</i>	Carl Hiasen
<i>The Book Scavenger</i>	Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
Nonfiction	
<i>Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems</i>	Bob Raczka
<i>Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-soaking Stream of Inventions</i>	Chris Barton
<i>Stormy Seas: Stories of Young Boat Refugees</i>	Mary Beth Leatherdale
<i>10 True Tales: The Secret Agent and Other Spy Kids</i>	Allan Zullo
<i>This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality</i>	JoAnn Allen Boyce & Debbie Levy
<i>Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars</i>	Gregory Zuckerman
<i>Mistakes That Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions and How They Came to Be</i>	Charlotte Foltz Jones

For Students Entering Grade 6

Fiction	
Title	Author
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Rita Williams-Garcia
<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>Dogsong</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>Wringer</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>Ghost</i>	Jason Reynolds
<i>Absolutely Normal Chaos</i>	Sharon Creech
<i>Revolution is Not a Dinner Party</i>	Ying Chang Compestine
<i>The Lions of Little Rock</i>	Kristin Levine
<i>New Kid</i>	Jerry Craft
<i>The Someday Birds</i>	Sally J. Pla
<i>Glass House</i>	Kate Milford
<i>Restart</i>	Gordon Korman
<i>The Copernicus Legacy: The Forbidden Stone</i>	Tony Abbott
Nonfiction	
<i>Woodsong</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>Obsessed</i>	Allison Britz
<i>Somewhere There is Still a Sun: A Memoir of the Holocaust</i>	Michael Gruenbaum
<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i>	James L. Swanson
<i>Smile</i>	Raina Telgemeier

For Students Entering Grade 7

Fiction	
Title	Author
<i>Sweet Home Alaska</i>	Carole Estby Dagg
<i>The Color of My Words</i>	Lynn Joseph
<i>Macaroni Boy</i>	Katherine Ayres
<i>Oliver</i>	Charles Dickens
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Muñoz Ryan
<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry</i>	Mildred D. Taylor
<i>The Chronicles of Narnia: The Magician's Nephew</i>	C. S. Lewis
<i>The Shadow Hero (graphic novel)</i>	Gene Luen Yang
<i>Letters From Rifka</i>	Karen Hesse
<i>The Westing Game</i>	Ellen Raskin
<i>Nothing but the Truth</i>	Avi
<i>The Hobbit</i>	JRR Tolkien
<i>Inkheart</i>	Cornelia Funke
<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i>	Jane Goldman
Nonfiction	
<i>The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life</i>	Kwame Alexander
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting it Done</i>	Andrea Gonzales
<i>Strange Fruit. Volume 1, Uncelebrated Narratives From Black History</i>	Joel Christian Gill
<i>A Dog in the Cave: The Wolves Who Made us Human</i>	Kay Frydenborg
<i>Girl CEO Priceless Advice from Trailblazing Women</i>	Ronnie Cohen and Katherine Ellison
<i>Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice</i>	Debbie Levy

For Students Entering Grade 8

Fiction	
Title	Author
<i>Gym Candy</i>	Carl Deuker
<i>Refugee</i>	Alan Gratz
<i>Towers Falling</i>	Jewell Parker Rhodes
<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	Ben Mikaelson
<i>Bone Gap</i>	Laura Ruby
<i>The Testing</i>	Joelle Charbonneau
<i>Half-Brother</i>	Kenneth Oppel
<i>How I Became a Ghost</i>	Tim Tingle
<i>The Rock and the River</i>	Kekla Magoon
<i>The Boy at the Top of the Mountain</i>	John Boyne
<i>Rated</i>	Melissa Grey
Nonfiction	
<i>Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey From Airman to Castaway to Captive</i>	Laura Hillenbrand
<i>The Bite of the Mango</i>	Mariatu Kamara
<i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>	Melba Pattillo Beals
<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>	Ji-Li Jiang
<i>Nisei Daughter</i>	Monica Sone
<i>The Family Romanov</i>	Candace Flemming
<i>Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz</i>	Michael Bornstein