

2009 Middle School Summer Reading List

All Middle Schools:

Recommended Summer Reading: for all middle school students.

Required Summer Reading: for Grades 6-8, Pre-AP and/or Gifted and Talented ELA students. Students must read any two of the recommended books; they will be assessed on their summer reading within the first three weeks of school.

Grade 6

- *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer
- *Far North* by Will Hobbs
- *The Gadget* by Paul Zindel
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

Grade 7

- *Day of Tears*, by Julius Lester
- *Isaac's Storm*, by Erik Larson
- *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
- *Shadow of the Dragon* by Sherry Garland

Grade 8

- *Eyes of the Emperor* by Graham Salisbury *
- *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* by Ben Carson and Cecil Murphey
- *Monster* by Walter Deans Myers
- *The Other Side of the Sky* by Farah Ahmed and Timim Ansary**
- *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells**

* Required for David Crockett Middle School

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- *Dune* by Frank Herbert Kempner
- *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway Austin, Elkins, Travis
- *How to Read Novels Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster Marshall
- *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* Hightower
- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather Kempner
- *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok Bush, Dulles
- *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote Bush
- *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri Clements
- *The Scarlet Letter*, by Nathaniel Hawthorne Willowridge
- *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut Clements, Dulles, Marshall
- *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams Austin

AP English IV (Two titles assigned by each campus):

- *Candide* by Voltaire Willowridge
- *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky Clements, Dulles, Hightower, Marshall, Travis
- *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster Bush, Dulles, Marshall
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel Kempner
- *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver Austin, Clements, Elkins (a choice novel for research), Travis, Willowridge
- *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving Bush, Elkins, Kempner,
- *A Tale of Two Cities* Elkins (a choice novel for research)
- *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy Austin
- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte Hightower

College Now

- *Beowulf* translated by Burton Raffel Elkins
- *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky Hightower
- *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver Austin, Bush, Elkins, Willowridge
- *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving Bush, Elkins, Kempner
- *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski Clements

