

Crestdale Middle School Summer Reading List



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Welcome Crestdale Wildcat Students and Families,

We are sure everyone can agree that reading raises achievement! In addition, there is research that shows students who read over the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward, losing up to two months of what they learned while in school. In order to avoid the "Summer Slide," we have designed a list of recommended Summer Reading Novels. All students are required to read a novel from the recommended Summer Reading list and can expect a formal assessment grade on Summer Reading no later than mid-September. Please do not wait until then to read!

All Wildcat students will need to annotate their Summer Reading Novel. Consider annotating the text using Signposts.

Please see the following "Signposts" documents for each signpost meaning and purpose.

Here is an electronic link to the FICTION Signposts: <https://goo.gl/t6PJnQ>

Here is an electronic link to the NONFICTION Signposts: <https://goo.gl/Pw6sWH>

If you have any questions about our Summer Reading lists or annotating with Signposts, please feel free to contact our ELA Department Chair, Stacy Noel at stacey.noel@cms.k12.nc.us. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter and we cannot wait to see our students again in August!

Rising 6th Grade Reading Recommendations
Standard and Honors Classes

All rising 6th grade students will choose one of our suggestions to read during the summer break. Students will be formally assessed on their summer reading in September. See below for detailed descriptions of each title.

1. Choose a title based on your current Lexile
2. Read and annotate (refer to signpost attachments)
3. Bring book to the first day of class.

Title	Author	Summary	Lexile Level
<i>Dog Friday.</i>	McKay, Hilary.	A boy finds himself in a series of often hilarious, occasionally dangerous scrapes when a wild and eccentric family moves next door.	750
<i>The Roar</i>	Emma Clayton	Twins, Mika and Ellie live in London in the future and have been told about a world of the Animal Plague beyond. Is this world true? Fiction	910
<i>A Single Shard</i>	Linda Sue Park	The story of an orphan in a twelfth - century Korean village and his adventures. Fiction	920
<i>Basher Five-Two</i>	Scott O'Grady	U.S. Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady was shot down in his F-16 over Bosnia while helping to keep the peace. The plane exploded and Captain O'Grady fell 5 miles to the ground. Nonfiction	1040
<i>Four Perfect Pebbles – A Holocaust Story</i>	Lila Perl and Marion Blumenthal Lazan	This memoir is of Marion Blumenthal Lazan's experiences during World War II and after. Nonfiction	1080

Rising 7th Grade Reading Recommendations
Standard and Honors Classes

All rising 7th grade students will choose one of our suggestions to read during the summer break. Students will be formally assessed on their summer reading in September. See below for detailed descriptions of each title.

1. Choose a title based on your current Lexile
2. Read and annotate (refer to signpost attachments)
3. Bring book to the first day of class.

Title	Author	Summary	Lexile Level
<i>The Arkadians.</i>	Alexander, Lloyd.	Three Arkadians wander through a fantasyland from one misadventure to another. An out-of-work bean counter, a young woman of mysterious talents, and a poet try to escape the wicked King Bromios and his crooked soothsayers.	780L
<i>Danger Zone</i>	Klass, David.	In this thriller, Jimmy is recruited for an all-star basketball team scheduled to represent the U.S. in an international tournament. When they travel to Rome, the all-star teens are trapped in events beyond their understanding.	850L
<i>I Was a Teenage Professional Wrestler</i>	Lewin, Ted.	The true-story account of how a children's illustrator earned his way through college.	900L
<i>It's Nothing to a Mountain.</i>	Hite, Sid.	After the death of their parents, Lisette and Riley go to live with their grandparents in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. There they experience a series of adventures that change their lives.	920L
<i>A School for Pompey Walker</i>	Rosen, Michael J.	A true narrative of an escaped slave who returned to the South to raise money for a school by selling himself back into slavery again and again.	1170L

Rising 8th Grade Reading Recommendations Standard and Honors Classes

All rising 8th grade students will choose one of our suggestions to read during the summer break. Students will be formally assessed on their summer reading in September. See below for detailed descriptions of each title.

1. Choose a title based on your current Lexile
2. Read and annotate (refer to signpost attachments)
3. Bring book to the first day of class.

Title	Author	Summary	Lexile Level
<i>Dawn</i> <i>Non-Fiction</i>	Elie Wiesel	Elisha is a young Jewish man, a Holocaust survivor, and an Israeli freedom fighter in British-controlled Palestine; John Dawson is the captured English officer he will murder at dawn in retribution for the British execution of a fellow freedom fighter. The nightlong wait for morning and death provides Dawn, Elie Wiesel's ever more timely novel, with its harrowingly taut, hour-by-hour narrative.	740
<i>Ender's Game</i>	Orson Scott Card	It's 2070, forty years since a devastating alien invasion was barely turned back, and the world is desperately searching for soldiers to lead them to victory when the "Buggers" come again. That's why they're drafting young children who pass a rigorous screening, and sending the best of them to the orbiting Battle School, where they are trained from childhood to be ready for war in the vertiginous reaches of space.	780
<i>Unbroken</i> (The Young Adult Adaptation)	Laura Hillenbrand	On a May afternoon in 1943, an American military plane crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary sagas of the Second World War. The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini.	1010
<i>Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race</i>	Margot Lee Shetterly	This book brings to life the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African-American women who lived through the Civil Rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country.	1120