

#HopeReadingChallenge  
Rising Eighth Grade suggested reading list  
Hope Middle School

Your final year in middle school approaches! You made it! The hard work and high expectations that got you through the first two years will continue to be expected of you in eighth grade. One opportunity provided to you to prove you are ready for the next level is our #HopeReadingChallenge

Students may read any book to earn challenge points, but sometimes don't know where to start. Eighth graders at HMS study North Carolina, from the mountains to the coast, from the earliest settlers to today. In anticipation of the upcoming school year, we have selected ten titles, on a variety of reading levels, both historical and contemporary, both fiction and non-fiction and all set in North Carolina. Any of the books listed would be a great place for rising 8th graders to start.

Students who participate in the #HopeReadingChallenge, will be recognized in a special way during the first few weeks of school.

**Wild Things by Clay Carmichael** (*mystery, contemporary fiction*)  
**Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper** (*historical fiction*)  
**Ten Miles Past Normal by Frances O'Roark Dowell** (*self-discovery, contemporary fiction*)  
**a.k.a. Genius by Marilee Haynes** (*middle school life, contemporary fiction*)  
**Under Pressure by Emma Carlson Berne** (*sports pressure, contemporary fiction*)  
**Jump Into the Sky by Shelly Pearsall** (*World War II, historical fiction*)  
**The Summer My Life Began by Shannon Greenland** (*romance, contemporary fiction*)  
**Elemental by Antony John** (*dystopian fiction*)  
**Storm Warriors by Elisa Carbone** (*historical fiction*)  
**Roanoke: The Mystery of the Lost Colony by Lee Miller** (*non-fiction*)

This is a voluntary program that we hope you will choose to participate in. Participation will not affect students' grades or placement in classes. There will be no punitive action taken for students who choose not to participate.

Each book chosen is a suggested novel that our media coordinator, Mrs. Below, thinks that middle school students will enjoy and that 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers feel will compliment the ELA curriculum.

The list of suggested books and additional copies of the reading log, can be found on the media page of our school website, <http://hopemustangs.com/resources/media-center/>

Happy Reading!