



# Summer Reading List

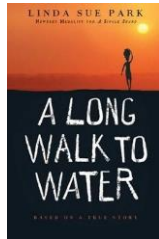
## Students Entering Grade 8



## Great Summer Reads

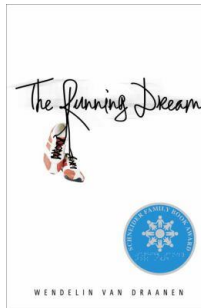
### A Long Walk to Water

by Linda Sue Park



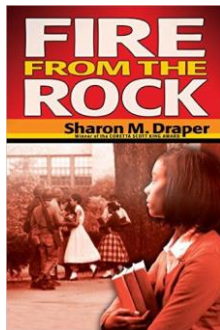
### The Running Dream

by Wendelin Van Draanen



### Peak

by Roland Smith

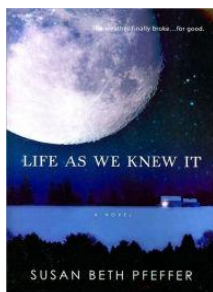


### Fire from the Rock

By Sharon Draper

### Life As We Knew It

by Susan Beth Pfeffer



Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

Summer vacation is almost here! We hope that you make it a time to **REST, RELAX, READ**, but above all **ENJOY!** Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read “just right” books, and when children can explore books about those topics that interest them. The more they practice with someone’s encouragement, (just like in a sport), the better and more confident readers they will become.

Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the summer months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend his/her literacy skills.

- **Read aloud together with your child every day.**
- **Take turns reading. Your child can read books to you, younger siblings, and older siblings.**
- **Read your child’s favorite book over and over again.**
- **Don’t forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.**
- **Visit the public library regularly and have your child get his/her own library card if he/she doesn’t have one.**

In this handout you will find some suggested book titles for you and your child to enjoy. Please note that these suggestions represent only a small sampling of the many fun, interesting and thought-provoking books to be discovered by your child.

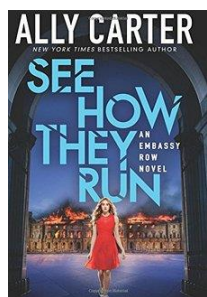
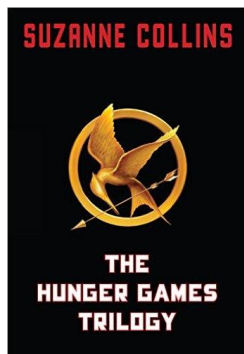
We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching summer for your child and you!

**Happy Reading!**

# Popular Middle School Series

## The Hunger Games

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by Suzanne Collins

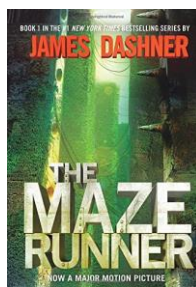


Embassy Row series  
by Ally Carter

Maximum Ride series  
by James Patterson

## The Maze Runner

series  
by James Dashner



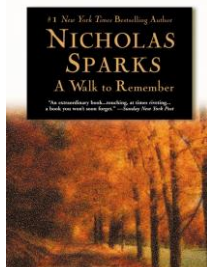
Divergent series  
by Veronica Roth

Mortal Instruments series  
by Cassandra Clare



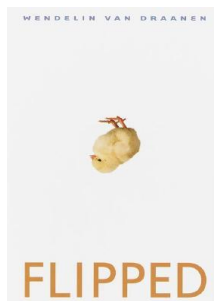
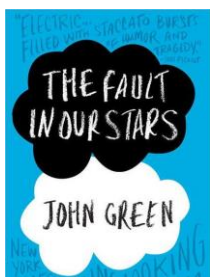
Percy Jackson series  
by Rick Riordan

# Favorite Books



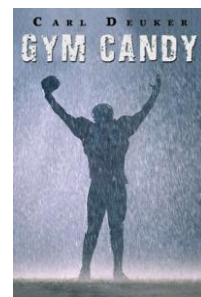
A Walk to Remember  
by Nicholas Sparks

The Fault in our Stars  
by John Green



Flipped  
by Wendelin Van Draanen

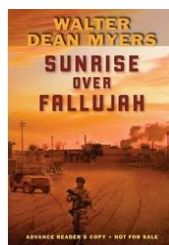
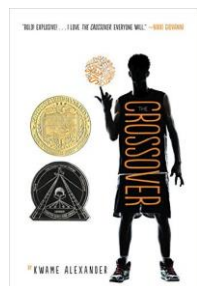
Brown Girl Dreaming  
by Jacqueline Woodson



Gym Candy  
by Carl Deuker

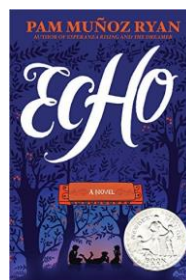
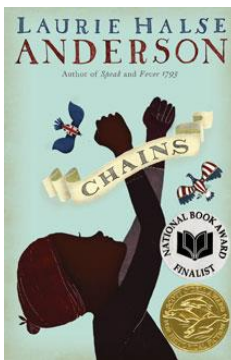
# Award Winning Books & Authors

The Crossover  
by Kwame Alexander



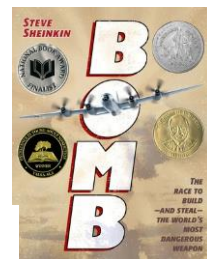
Sunrise Over Fallujah  
by Walter Dean Myers

Chains  
by Laurie Halse Anderson



Echo  
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World's Most Dangerous Weapon  
by Steve Sheinkin



Al Capone Does my Shirts  
by Gennifer Choldenko

Phoenix Rising  
by Karen Hesse

**Students entering Grade 8 are expected to read a minimum of 45 minutes a day.**