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8th Grade Summer Reading

This year, 8th graders will receive their summer reading book during the week before school starts in August. **When 8th graders pick up their schedules, they also will pick up a copy of the book, along with an assignment to be completed by the first day of school.** All 8th graders will read the same novel, which will form the foundation for our activities at the beginning of the year. Students will be expected to **read the designated chapters and complete the assignment** by the first day of school.

As you complete the assignment, do your best work. Please remember that this will be your teacher's first impression of your reading and writing this school year.

We will complete the rest of the novel together during the first few weeks of school.

Suggested Reading List

When at the beach or stuck indoors on a rainy day, why not enjoy a good book? While the following novels are not required, we suggest that you read over the summer for fun.

The books on this list were the favorites of 8th graders of the class of 2018. They thought this year's incoming 8th graders would enjoy them, too. Be sure to check with your parents before choosing a book to make sure that your parents are comfortable with the content.

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

Lexile Level: HL770L

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

Uglies by Scott Westerfield

Lexile Level: 770

Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Lexile Level: 850

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

**Be aware of language and mature content in this choice.

Heat by Mike Lupica

Lexile Level: 940

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old, and he has no parents to offer them proof.

Divergent Trilogy

Lexile Level: HL700L-830L

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

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