

**8th Grade Summer Reading:
3 novels of your choice**

As students begin selecting summer reading titles, we wanted to explain the freedom of choice and provide some suggestions to use as a starting point. As avid readers who long to instill a lifelong passion for reading into our students, we made this decision in order to allow students to take ownership over their reading and maybe even uncover a passion they may not know they have, whether it be for a specific author, genre, theme, or even reading in general.

This decision, of course, did not come without some research into the power and benefits of choice reading. Students will spend the school year reading required texts, so while we hope that they will enjoy those, we find that giving them this opportunity through summer reading is a way to carry a passion for reading over into the school year during independent reading time at school and hopefully at home.

While we don't want students to feel they are beholden to a specific list of titles, here are some recommendations below that cover an array of interests and genres.

Recommended favorites found in our classroom libraries include:

The Track Series by Jason Reynolds
The Harry Potter series
The Hunger Games trilogy
On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
The Uglies Series by Scott Westerfeld
Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus
The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
We Were Liars by E. Lockhart
To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han

Any novel by some classroom favorite authors:

Jayson Reynolds
Kwame Alexander
Sharon Draper
Alan Gratz
John Green
Judy Blume

Some classics:

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Ender's Game by Orsen Scott Card
Lord of the Flies by William Golding