

NORTHWESTERN Middle School

SUMMER Reading Information

Dear Future Student,

We are so excited to have you in our class this upcoming school year. As we get ready for all the learning and growing ahead, we would like to share something that will help set you up for a strong start – summer reading!

Reading over the summer is one of the best ways to keep your mind active and your imagination thriving. It does not have to feel like homework; in fact, it can be a chance to explore stories and ideas that genuinely interest you. Whether you love mystery, adventure, fantasy, history, or learning how things work, there is a book out there waiting just for you.

This summer, we encourage you to choose a book – or several! – that you want to read. You can visit the local library, ask friends and family members for suggestions, or browse online recommendations. What matters most is that you find something you enjoy.

We are including a list of titles categorized by genre or topic. **Please select at least one from the list to read. Be sure to take notes while you read, because you will complete an assignment in the first few days of school.**

We hope this summer you will find time to curl up with a great book—and fall in love with reading all over again.

Please reach out to one of the Reading teachers if you need any assistance this summer. Have a wonderful, restful, and adventurous summer. We cannot wait to meet you soon! HAPPY READING!

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Adventure and Survival

Adrift by SA. Boden
Peak by Roland Smith
Terror at Bottle Creek by Watt Key
Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

Animals

*Warriors** by Erin Hunter
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Almost Home by Joan Bauer
The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate

Fantasy

*Harry Potter** by J.K. Rowling
*The Mortal Instruments** by Cassandra Clare
*Wings of Fire** by Tui T. Sutherland
*Percy Jackson & the Olympians** by Rick Riordan

Dystopian/Science Fiction

*Legend** by Marie Lu
*The Maze Runner** by James Dashner
*Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card
*The Selection** by Kierra Cass

Historical Fiction

*I Survived** by Lauren Tarshis
Refugee by Alan Gratz
The River Between Us by Richard Peck
*Dear America** by Kathryn Lasky and more

Mystery/Suspense

*Swindle** by Gordan Korman
Girl, Stolen by April Henry
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
*The Inheritance Games** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Sports

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
Million Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica
Heat by Mike Lupica
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Realistic Fiction/Teen Issues

*Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper
The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake
Restart by Gordon Korman
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

* denotes the first book, but students may read any book from that series

Please note: Students must choose a chapter book (not the graphic-novel version).



After you finish reading your book, please complete the form using the QR code.