

Middle School Required Reading by Course

6th Grade Reading

For segment 1, you will choose to read a novel OR a short story.

If you are reading a novel, please choose **one** novel from the list below for **segment 1**:

- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

If you are reading a short story, please choose **one** story from the list below for **segment 1**:

- "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry
- "Rikki Tikki Tavi" by Rudyard Kipling
- "The Selfish Giant" – a Christian story by Oscar Wilde
- "The Magic Bon Bons" by Frank Baum

Finally, please select one of the novels below for the Segment 1 additional required honors reading:

- *The Westing Game*, by Ellen Raskin
- *The View from Saturday*, by E.L. Koningsburg

For Segment 2 (the second semester), you need to choose **TWO** novels, one from each list below:

Choose one novel for the reading requirement for Modules 6 and 7:

- *Lily's Crossing*, by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Johnny Tremain*, by Esther Forbes
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, by Elizabeth George Speare

Choose one novel for the reading requirement for Modules 8 and 9:

- *Travel Team*, by Mike Lupica
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, by Jennifer Choldenko
- *Kira- Kira*, by Cynthia Kadohata

6th Grade Language Arts

Students select **one** novel below:

- *Wonder* by RJ Palacio
- *Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine
- *Schooled* by Gordon Korman
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engel
- *Storm Runners* (book 1) by Roland Smith

Advanced students must select **one** additional novel below:

- *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot
 - *Knots On My Yo-Yo String* by Jerry Spinelli
- or, choice of an autobiography or biography of a person born after 1850

7th Grade Language Arts

Students select **one** novel below:

- *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt
- *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
- *The Magician's Nephew* by CS Lewis
- *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Advanced students select **one** additional novel below:

- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

8th Grade Language Arts

Students select **one** novel below:

- *Okay for Now* by Gary Schmidt
- *The Outsiders* by SE Hinton
- *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo
- *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien

Advanced students select **one** additional novel below:

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle