

Required Summer Reading for Future 6th Graders

Congratulations, you've finished 5th grade and now you're about to begin your middle school career. Are you bored yet? I know, summer has just started, but chances are the video games and movies will get old after a while, so head to the library or Barnes & Noble and spend some time reading! I've put together a list of recommended books that are sure to bring you some enjoyment.

The requirement for Language Arts class is to read a minimum of three books over the summer. You must choose two titles from the list below and one of your own choosing. The first week of school, you will do a writing assignment based on these books, so read for enjoyment, but also for comprehension.

I hope that you enjoy these books that you might not otherwise have read. If you've already read all of the books on the list, email me, and we'll discuss different options. Happy reading, and enjoy the summer!

--Mr. DeBoer

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- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh* by Robert C. O'Brien

- *Saunder* by William H. Armstrong
- *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (for a challenge)