Summer Reading List
Students Entering Grade 8

June 2018

Great Summer Reads

A Long Walk to Water
by Linda Sue Park

The Running Dream
by Wendelin Van Draanen

Peak
by Roland Smith

Fire from the Rock
By Sharon Draper

Life As We Knew It
by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

Summer vacation is almost here! We hope that you make it a time to REST, RELAX, READ, but above all ENJOY! Reading, like a sport, involves practice and skill. Real skill building occurs when children read for pleasure, when children read “just right” books, and when children can explore books about those topics that interest them. The more they practice with someone’s encouragement, (just like in a sport), the better and more confident readers they will become.

Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the summer months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend his/her literacy skills.

• Read aloud together with your child every day.
• Take turns reading. Your child can read books to you, younger siblings, and older siblings.
• Read your child’s favorite book over and over again.
• Don’t forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.
• Visit the public library regularly and have your child get his/her own library card if he/she doesn’t have one.

In this handout you will find some suggested book titles for you and your child to enjoy. Please note that these suggestions represent only a small sampling of the many fun, interesting and thought-provoking books to be discovered by your child.

We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching summer for your child and you!

Happy Reading!
Popular Middle School Series

**The Hunger Games** series
by Suzanne Collins

**Embassy Row** series
by Ally Carter

**The Maze Runner** series
by James Dashner

**Maximum Ride** series
by James Patterson

**Divergent** series
by Veronica Roth

**Percy Jackson** series
by Rick Riordan

Favorite Books

**The Fault in our Stars**
by John Green

**A Walk to Remember**
by Nicholas Sparks

**Flipped**
by Wendelin Van Draanen

**Brown Girl Dreaming**
by Jacqueline Woodson

**Gym Candy**
by Carl Deuker

Award Winning Books & Authors

**The Crossover**
by Kwame Alexander

**Chains**
by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Echo**
by Pam Munoz Ryan

**Sunrise Over Fallujah**
by Walter Dean Myers

**Al Capone Does my Shirts**
by Gennifer Choldenko

**Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon**
by Steve Sheinkin

**Phoenix Rising**
by Karen Hesse

Students entering Grade 8 are expected to read a minimum of 45 minutes a day.