



# 8th Grade ELA Summer Work

Dear parents,

For Mrs. Geesey, students **MUST** read *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton and choose **one** other book from the **Middle School Suggested Summer Reading Book List** to read over summer vacation. Please have your child bring *The Outsiders* with them to school in September. Students will need to complete a novel response for the one additional book that they decide to read. The novel response template is posted in the 2024-2025 Cohort Study Halls in Google Classroom. This will count as a test grade in reading. Students do not need to complete a novel response for *The Outsiders*; instead, students will have a test on *The Outsiders* when they return in September. The date of the test is to be determined, and students will receive a study guide to help them review for the test at the beginning of the year. If students have any questions or concerns about reading class, they may email Mrs. Geesey over the summer at [theresa.geesey@scjnschool.org](mailto:theresa.geesey@scjnschool.org).

For Mrs. Sanchez, students will need to complete **ten** Summer Solutions grammar lessons. All ten lessons need to be completed in pencil, and each question must be answered completely to receive full credit. These lessons will be checked during the first week of school and will be corrected as a class with Mrs. Sanchez. This packet will count as a test grade in writing class. If students have any questions or concerns about writing class, they may email Mrs. Sanchez over the summer at [christina.sanchez@scjnschool.org](mailto:christina.sanchez@scjnschool.org). Happy reading and see you in September!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Theresa Geesey (Middle School Reading)

Mrs. Christina Sanchez (Middle School Writing)

# **MIDDLE SCHOOL SUGGESTED SUMMER READING**

Below are the required reading books for summer reading for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The suggested reading books for each grade are also below. Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Sanchez or Mrs. Geesey if you would like any book suggestions!

## **Required Reading**

**8th** - The Outsiders - S.E. Hinton

**7th** - The Giver - Lois Lowry

**6th** - Fever 1793 - Laurie Halse Anderson

## **Suggested Reading -**

All grades only need to read one additional book and complete the grade level assignment.

### **8th Grade**

1. Allies - Alan Gratz
2. Refugee - Alan Gratz
3. Code of Honor - Alan Gratz
4. Tesla's Attic - Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman
5. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind - William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
6. Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: a Memoir - Margarita Engle
7. Legend - Marie Lu
8. The Chocolate Wars - Robert Cormier
9. Out of my Mind - Sharon Draper
10. Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry - Mildred D. Taylor

### **7th Grade**

1. The Maze Runner - James Dashner
2. Esperanza Rising - Pam Munoz Ryan
3. Wolf Hollow - Lauren Wolk
4. Yard Wars - Taylor Kitchings
5. The Pigman - Paul Zindel
6. Prairie Lotus - Linda Sue Park
7. More to the Story - Henna Khan
8. The Unwanteds - Lisa McCann
9. I Will Always Write Back - Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda
10. The Giver - Lois Lowrey

### **6th Grade**

1. The Watsons Go to Birmingham - Christopher Paul Curtis
2. Restart - Gordon Korman
3. The Wednesday Wars - Gary D. Schmidt
4. Booked - Kwame Alexander
5. Fast Break - Mike Lupica
6. The Westing Game - Ellen Raskin
7. I Funny - James Patterson
8. The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis
9. The Midwife's Apprentice - Karen Cushman
10. Maniac McGee - Jerry Spinelli