

# Summer Reading – McMillan Middle 2018 - 2019

Reading is very important in every aspect of life, and this skill is practiced in the academic assignments students receive during the school years. Research shows that reading for pleasure plays an important role in developing critical reading skills and embeds reading as a lifelong skill.

With this in mind, our students are requested to read for pleasure during the summer. All students will be required to read two books during the summer\*. All students will be required to read one book (by grade level) and another of their choice from the list provided for their grade. Students in the ELL or ESE programs, excluding students in advanced or gifted classes, must choose from books specified for ELL/ESE. Upon their return in August, students will be responsible for multiple assignments in their language arts class, including a test based on the summer reading.

You may visit your local public library to check out your books, download them to your phone or other device, or purchase the books at any bookstore or on-line.

**\*Gifted students will also be required to read a 3<sup>rd</sup> book of their own choosing that is not required to come from this list.**

## **Required: (ALL STUDENTS)**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - *Maniac Magee* – Jerry Spinelli

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - *The Wednesday Wars*- Gary D. Schmidt

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - *Wonder* – R. J. Palacio

## **Grade Level Selection Lists:**

### **6th grade:**

*Masterpiece*- Elise Broach

*Hoot* - Carl Hiaasen

*The Boy who Saved Baseball*- John H. Ritter

*The Mysterious Benedict Society*- Trenton Lee Stewart

**Any book** by Rick Riordan

*Smiles to Go* -Jerry Spinelli

*The Kingdom Keepers* – Ridley Pearson

*Middle School: Get Me Out of Here* – James Patterson

*The BFG* – Roald Dahl

### **6th grade ELL & ESE:**

*Frindle* - Andrew Clements

*The Twits* - Roald Dahl

*Zack Delacruz: Me and My Big Mouth* – Jeff Anderson

**7th grade:**

*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* – Pablo Cartaya

*Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf* - Jennifer Holm

*Heat*- Mike Lupica

*The Sword of Summer* – *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard*- Rick Riordan

*Freak the Mighty (The Mighty)*– Rodman Philbrick

*Stargirl* - Jerry Spinelli

*Fablehaven* – Brandon Mull

*The City of Ember* - Jeanne DuPrau

*Booked* – Kwame Alexander

**7th grade ELL & ESE:**

*Who Put that Hair in My Toothbrush* - Jerry Spinelli

*Lawn Boy* - Gary Paulsen

**8th grade:**

*The Book Thief*- Markus Zusak

*The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* – Ann Brashares

*I, Juan de Pareja*- Elizabeth Borton de Trevino

*Whale Talk*- Chris Crutcher

*Part of Me*- Kimberly Willis Holt

*Piecing Me Together*- Renee Watson

*The Face on the Milk Carton* – Caroline B. Cooney

*Rumblefish* – S. E. Hinton

*My Life in Dog Years* – Gary Paulsen

*I Know What You Did Last Summer* – Lois Duncan

*Son* – Lois Lowry

**8th grade ELL & ESE:**

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* - Jeff Kinney

*Tracker* - Gary Paulsen