

APPENDIX I
2025 SUMMER READING LIST*

ELEMENTARY

THIRD GRADE

Required Reading: *The World According to Humphrey*, Betty G. Birney

Extra Credit: *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, Mary Pope Osborne
Jack Plank Tells Tall Tales, Natalie Babbitt
Mummies in the Morning, Mary Pope Osborne
Little House on the Prairie, Laura Ingalls Wilder
Masterpiece, Elise Broach

3rd grade students may choose 3 extra credit books to read from the list of 5 titles above.
Students will take an AR test over each book read upon returning to school in August for credit.

FOURTH GRADE

Required Reading: *Saving Winslow*, Sharon Creech

Extra Credit: *George's Marvelous Medicine*, Roald Dahl
Code word Courage, Kirby Larson
Friendship War, Andrew Clements
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume
Tumbleweed Skies, Valerie Sherrard

4th & 5th grade students should complete an [Elementary Summer Reading Extra Credit Verification](#) for each book read upon returning to school in August for credit. This form should be handwritten Extra credit will be applied to 1st quarter grades.

FIFTH GRADE

Required Reading: *Because of Winn Dixie*, Kate DiCamillo

Extra Credit: *Prince Caspian*, C.S. Lewis
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, E.L. Konigsburg
Wishtree, Katherine Applegate
Fish in a Tree, Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Allies, Allen Gratz
Resistance, Jennifer Nielson

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIXTH GRADE

Required Reading: (Choose **one** of the following novels to read over the summer break and be ready to write a critic's essay in class. Instructions on how to write a critic's essay will be given the first week of school. Additional novels may be read for extra credit. Extra credit will be determined by the passing of an AR test at the beginning of the school year.

The Twenty-One Balloons, William Pené duBois
Around the World in 80 Days, Jules Verne
Hatchet, Gary Paulsen (or any subsequent novels in the series)
Swiss Family Robinson, Johann Wyss
The Christmasaurus, Tom Fletcher
The Chronicles of Narnia Series, C.S. Lewis (Any book from the series will suffice).
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl
The Wild Robot, Peter Brown

SEVENTH GRADE

Required Reading: (Choose **one** of the following novels to read over the summer break and be ready to write a critic's essay in class. Instructions on how to write a critic's essay will be given the first week of school. Additional novels may be read for extra credit. Extra credit will be determined by the passing of an AR test at the beginning of the school year.

Tuck Everlasting, Natalie Babbitt
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
The Series of Unfortunate Events Novels, Lemony Snicket (Any book from the series will suffice).
Holes, Louis Sachar
The Yearling, M.K. Rawlings
The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind, Byran Mealer and William Kamkwamba
Operation Do-Over, Gordon Korman
Anne of Green Gables Series by L.M. Montgomery
Call of the Wild by Jack London

EIGHTH GRADE

Required Reading: *Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution*, Avi

Extra Credit: Extra credit will be determined by the passing of an AR test at the beginning of the school year.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb (Young Readers and the original novel are acceptable)
In My Father's House, Ann Rinaldi
Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

HIGH SCHOOL

NINTH GRADE

Required Reading: *Murder on the Orient Express*, Agatha Christie

Required Reading

for PreAP: *Murder on the Orient Express*, Agatha Christie **and** *Out of the Silent Planet*, CS Lewis

Extra Credit: Complete [this form](#) for each extra credit book that you read.

Bible	<i>Perelandra</i> , C.S. Lewis <i>That Hideous Strength</i> , C.S. Lewis <i>Live Your Truth and Other Lies: Exposing Popular Deceptions That Make Us Anxious, Exhausted, and Self-Obsessed</i> by Alisa Childers
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Richard Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Konstantin Stanislavski <i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>Mama's Bank Account</i> , Katherine Forbes <i>The Robe</i> , Lloyd C. Douglas <i>Last Light</i> , Terri Blackstock <i>Voice in the Wind</i> , Francine Rivers <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i> , James Herriot <i>Lord of the Rings</i> trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkien <i>Signs of Life</i> by Creston Mapes
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent
Basketball	<i>The Miracle of St. Anthony: A Season with Coach Bob Hurley and Basketball's Most Improbable Dynasty</i> , Adrian Wojnarowski

TENTH GRADE

Required Reading: *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury

Required Reading

for PreAP: *Fahrenheit 451* **and** *The Count of Monte Cristo*, abridged Alexandre Dumas
ISBN: 0553213504 (This is the version that will be tested. The unabridged version is approximately two times the length of this one.)

Extra Credit: Complete [this form](#) for each extra credit book that you read.

Bible	<i>How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth</i> , Fee and Stewart <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i> , Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Richard Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Konstantin Stanislavski <i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>Lost Horizon</i> , James Hilton <i>The Friendly Persuasion</i> , Jessamyn West <i>And Then There Were None</i> , Agatha Christie <i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i> , Frank Gilbreth, Jr. <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> , James Fenimore Cooper
World History	<i>Meditations</i> , Marcus Aurelius <i>Augustine's Confessions</i> , Books (chapters) 1-10 <i>The Prince</i> , Niccolo Machiavelli <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , Adam Smith <i>The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano</i> , Olaudah Equiano
Journalism	<i>Telling the Truth</i> , Marvin Olasky
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent
Basketball	<i>The Miracle of St. Anthony: A Season with Coach Bob Hurley and Basketball's Most Improbable Dynasty</i> , Adrian Wojnarowski

ELEVENTH GRADE

Required Reading: *12 Years a Slave*, Solomon Northup

(AP English

Language) *12 Years a Slave*, Solomon Northup **AND** *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell

Extra Credit: Complete [this form](#) for each extra credit book that you read.

Bible	<i>Kingdoms in Conflict</i> , Chuck Colson <i>To Walk and Not Faint</i> , Marva Dawn <i>The Old Testament Roots of Our Faith</i> , Paul and Elizabeth Achtemeier
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen

An Actor Prepares, Richard Stanislavski
A Cast of One, John Gentile

English	<i>The Bridge of San Luis Rey</i> , Thornton Wilder <i>The Call of the Wild</i> , Jack London <i>The Distance Between Us: A Memoir</i> , Reyna Grande <i>Dune</i> , Frank Herbert <i>Hidden Figures</i> , Margot Lee Shetterly <i>Pudd'nhead Wilson</i> , Mark Twain <i>The Thread That Runs So True</i> , Jesse Stuart <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i> , Betty Smith
U.S. History	<i>Silent Night</i> , Stanley Weintraub <i>March</i> , Book 1, 2, & 3, by John Lewis <i>The Greatest Generation</i> , Tom Brokaw (10 Chapters, students choice) <i>With the Old Breed</i> , Eugene Sledge <i>Rocket Boys</i> , Homer Hickam <i>Common Sense</i> , Thomas Paine <i>Destiny of the Republic</i> , Candice Millard <i>The Jungle</i> , Upton Sinclair <i>Economics in One Lesson</i> , Henry Hazlitt
Journalism	<i>Telling the Truth</i> , Marvin Olasky
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent
Basketball	<i>The Miracle of St. Anthony: A Season with Coach Bob Hurley and Basketball's Most Improbable Dynasty</i> , Adrian Wojnarowski

TWELFTH GRADE

Required Reading: **English IV Required Reading:**
Les Misérables, abridged by Victor Hugo: ISBN 0449300021

(Honors English) **English IV-AP Required Reading:**
Les Misérables, abridged by Victor Hugo: ISBN 0449300021
Reading Like a Writer by Francine Prose

(AP Government) **AP Government and Politics Required Reading:**
The U.S. Constitution (available [here](#) and [here](#))

Extra Credit: Complete [this form](#) for each extra credit book that you read.

Bible	<i>Simply Jesus</i> , N.T. Wright <i>Who Needs Theology? An Invitation to the Study of God</i> , Stanley J. Grenz and Roger E. Olson
Calculus	<i>Calculus Wars: Newton, Leibniz, and the Greatest Clash of All Time</i> , Jason Socrates Bardi
Capstone	<i>Strange New World: How Thinkers & Activists Redefined Identity & Sparked the Sexual Revolution</i> , Carl Trueman <i>Saving Leonardo: A Call to Resist the Secular Assault on Mind, Morals, and Meaning</i> , Nancy Pearcey
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Richard Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Constantin Stanislavski <i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>Abolition of Man</i> by C.S. Lewis <i>Christy</i> , Catherine Marshall <i>Dawn's Light</i> , Terri Blackstock <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> by Oscar Wilde <i>Ivanhoe</i> , Walter Scott <i>Lord Jim</i> , Joseph Conrad <i>Lorna Doone</i> , R.D. Blackmore <i>Rebecca</i> , Daphne Du Maurier <i>Return of the Native</i> , Thomas Hardy <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i> , Thomas Hardy <i>Wuthering Heights</i> , Emily Bronte
Government	<i>The Tragedy of American Compassion</i> , Marvin Olasky <i>The Three Languages of Politics</i> by Arnold Kling
Economics	<i>Faith in the Halls of Power</i> by Michael Lindsay <i>Human Action</i> , Ludwig von Mises (Scholar's edition)
Journalism	<i>Telling the Truth</i> , Marvin Olasky
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent
Basketball	<i>The Miracle of St. Anthony: A Season with Coach Bob Hurley and Basketball's Most Improbable Dynasty</i> , Adrian Wojnarowski

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