



Riverwalk Academy Summer Reading Project

Dear Rising Fourth Grader:

Congratulations on making it to summer! We are looking forward to the 2017-2018 school year! As part of our endeavor to make sure all students are ready for a successful school year, we require all incoming 4th through 8th graders to complete a summer reading assignment. The Upper Elementary and Middle School teachers have carefully selected titles that will be of high interest for your summer reading. Many of the themes also connect with ideas and issues you might confront next year—or in the years ahead. You will have one must read book and one choice book. We recommend that you get your books early and read at a leisurely pace instead of cramming in all the work right before the start of school. These should be books you enjoy, so savor them!

Please make sure you finish both books prior to the start of school; the beginning of school is busy and stressful enough without adding an additional summer reading assignment to your other coursework. Don't start out the year playing catch up!

Evaluation: Each grade level (4-8) will complete a project or essay when they return from summer break. This work will be counted as a formal test grade in your English class, so when you read, pay close attention to your novel. More information will be given the first week of school. The books must be read by the first day of school, Thursday, August 17, 2017.

4th Grade

Must Read: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Pick one of the following books:

- James and the Giant Peach by Ronald Dahl,
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Frindle by Andrew Clements
- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo



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5th Grade

Must Read: Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Pick one of the following books:

- My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
- A Series of Unfortunate Events by Daniel Handler
- Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
- Same Sun Here by Silas House
- No Talking by Andrew Clements
- The View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg



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6th Grade

Must Read: Wonder By R.J Palacio

Pick one of the following books:

- *The Cay* by Theordore Taylor
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
- *Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune* by Pamela S. Turner
- *Boxers and Saints* Gene by Luen Yang



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7th & 8th Grade

Must Read: The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens By Sean Covey

Pick one of the following books:

- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R Tolkien
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- *White Fang* by Jack London
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *The Glory Field* by Walter Dean Meyers
- *This Boy's Life* by Tobias Wolff