

Middle School Summer Reading 2018–19

With the end of another wonderful school year comes the opportunity for summer reading. We all look forward to a more leisurely pace with time to scroll, flip, and scan through our favorite magazines, blogs, vlogs, and newspapers. We also savor the time to delve into pleasure reading as well as books that require a little more thought and reflection. As a school community, we work together to find books that appeal to a wide range of interests, reading levels, and academic programs. The number one priority of our summer reading program is to develop a love and appreciation of literature. **Students are required to read a minimum of three different titles, two of which are required by grade level. The third book is the student's choice**, however, it must be a first time read.

Rising eighth-grade students experience a slightly different summer reading assignment as only **one title is read by the entire class. The second required title is determined by assignments within a book club.** Current Country Day students are already assigned to one of the clubs (see below). **New students entering eighth grade** may select from any of the “Rising 8th Grade Book Club Titles.” As with other grade levels, **rising eighth-grade students are expected to read at least one additional book over the summer.** The required reading for this summer is available in the following content block. Happy Reading!

2018–19 REQUIRED READING

RISING FIFTH GRADE

<i>Wonder</i>	R.J. Palacio	9780375869020
<i>Extreme Scientists</i>	Donna M Jackson	9780544250031

RISING SIXTH GRADE

<i>I Will Always Write Back</i>	Martin Ganda & Caitlyin Alifrenka	9780316241335
<i>Bodies From the Ash</i>	James M. Deem	9781328740830

RISING SEVENTH GRADE

<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers' Edition</i>	William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer	9780147510426
<i>The Outsiders</i>	S. E. Hinton	9780140385724

RISING EIGHTH GRADE

<i>Ashes of Roses</i> 9780312535803	Mary Jane Auch	
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New students entering eighth grade may select a title of his or her choice. In August, Mrs. Edwards will contact new students for book club placement.

**RISING EIGHTH GRADE
BOOK CLUB TITLES**

The Endurance: Shackleton's legendary Antarctic expedition	Alexander, Caroline	paperback
Bootleg: murder, moonshine, and the lawless years of prohibition	Blumenthal, Karen	paperback
Spare parts: four undocumented teenagers, one ugly robot, and the battle for the American dream	Davis, Joshua	paperback
This star won't go out: the life and words of Esther Grace Earl	Earl, Esther	paperback
Blink: the power of thinking without thinking	Gladwell, Malcolm	paperback
Outliers: the story of success	Gladwell, Malcolm	paperback
Mountains beyond mountains: the quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a man who would cure the world	Kidder, Tracy (Young Adult edition)	paperback
Popular: A Memoir Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek	Wagenen, Maya van	paperback
Bomb: the race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon	Sheinkin, Steve	paperback
Soul Searching: A Girl's Guide to Finding Herself	Stillman, Sarah	paperback
Choose to Matter	Foudy, Julie	paperback
Brown Girl Dreaming	Woodson, Jacqueline	paperback
