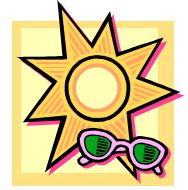


Summer Reading
Going on to 8th Grade?



Something old - We always like to recommend books you might like to read over the summer. Some of those suggestions are listed below. These suggestions include books that our teachers recommend, award-winning books and books that other students have enjoyed.

Something new - The new piece is our Required Reading List. At Washington, we know that our students need to be ready to hit the ground running in the fall to keep pace in our Gifted Program. We are asking all new 8th graders to choose and read three of the five titles listed here. They can be found at local book stores or at the public libraries. This list will provide them with an instant connection to new friends in August. Classroom teachers will have students working in groups on fun projects related to their summer reading.

In addition, the Rockford Public School District is providing every student a "pack" of summer reading books, free to keep and add to your home library. These titles, four fiction and four non-fiction, were selected to be captivating and to appeal to student interests. Enjoy!

Required Reading

(Choose at least 3)

When Zachary Beaver Comes to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt
Scorpions by Walter Dean Myers
Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Schwa Was Here by Neil Shusterman
Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment by James Patterson

Looking for more ideas? Here are some additional reading suggestions you might enjoy!

Lexile Level 1100-1150

The Faerie Door
Insomniacs - Buzz
The Austere Academy
The Princess and Curdie
Tiltawhirl John
Pure Dead Frozen
The Secret Hideout
Pure Dead Trouble

Lexile Level 1200 - 1250

The Walking Stones
The Cat Who Came to Christmas
Dragonhaven
A Parcel of Patterns
Little Women
Shrimp
Spindle's End
Robert Cormier: Daring to Disturb the Universe

Lexile Level 1150-1200

The Winter Room
Brian's Hunt
Catherine, Called Birdy
War of the Worlds
Hitty: Her First Hundred Years
Pieces of Georgia
The Quilt
The Off Season

Lexile Level 1250 - 1300+

The Penultimate Peril
The Dog Who Wouldn't Be
An Old Fashioned Girl
The Tales of Beedle the Bard
Eight Cousins
A Farewell to Arms
Night has a Thousand Eyes
Motel of the Mysteries

Need more ideas?

http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington_Reading.htm - Look at the Summer Reading Ideas