

TGS Middle School Summer Reading 2021

2021-22 Fifth Grade

This summer, we want you to enjoy reading every day. Challenge yourself to include a wide range of genres including non-fiction, historical fiction and the classics. For example, if you typically read fantasy, try historical fiction or poetry. When we meet in the fall, you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas about the books you chose.

Required reading (choose 2):

Bridge to the Wild by Caitlin O'Connell

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Searching for Chessie of Chesapeake Bay by Lisa Cole

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene DuBois

Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems by Bob Raczka

2021-22 Sixth Grade

Required reading:

Choose one or more of the following books:

Half a World Away by Cynthia Kadohata

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Out of my Mind by Sharon M. Draper

Think about the main character of the story. How do you identify with this character? Do you agree with the main character's perspective of the problem in the story?

In addition, choose one book to read that showcases your reading identity. Are you a fantasy reader? Do you enjoy mysteries? Non fiction? Be ready to share your book choice and tell why it represents you as a reader.

2021-22 Seventh Grade

Required Book: *Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson

Read this historical fiction novel, and prepare a three paragraph essay. The brief essay needs to highlight the main challenge of the story for the protagonist as well as two other challenges that the main character faces. Therefore, each paragraph will represent a separate challenge, and each paragraph will need to be a minimum of 5 sentences and maximum of 10 sentences.

In addition, choose one other book **outside** your normal reading preference. For example: If you really enjoy fantasy literature books from authors such as J.R.R. Tolkien and J.K. Rowling, then know that of yourself and choose another genre. A genre is a category of literary composition: Westerns, crime thrillers, romance, military, health, etc. Be ready to introduce this second book and briefly explain, without notes, a little bit about the basic literary elements such as plot, characters, setting, and whatever else you think would be good to know.

Bring both books and written work (3 paragraph essay) on the first day of school.

2021-22 Eighth Grade

Required: choose one of the following ten books to read. Then create a presentation to share on the first day of class that shows the coming of age journey of the protagonist or protagonists.

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

The Giver by Lois Lowry

New Kid by Jerry Craft

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Rebound by Kwame Alexander

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Your choice: read one book of your own choosing in a genre or format that you enjoy. Be ready to share on the first day of class which book you chose and why.