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## Middle School Summer Reading 2021

### Philosophy of Summer Reading

As our students immerse themselves in varied activities this summer, our fondest wish in the English department is that they will tuck a book under their arms as they go. Reading allows us to gather knowledge, gain empathy, think critically about our world, and derive pleasure from the printed word. S.I. Hayakawa observes that, "It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish."

### Instructions for Students:

All English classes will begin the year with discussions, activities, and writing assignments based on summer reading books that students have read. Instructors suggest that students thoroughly review the required books toward the end of the summer. Teachers will conduct classroom discussions about required selections during the first few weeks of school. All middle school English students will be assessed on at least one of the required books.

### Required Reading

#### Rising 6th Grade:

*The Watsons Go to Birmingham*, Christopher Paul Curtis

*Among the Hidden*, Margaret Peterson Haddix

#### Rising 7th Grade:

*The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton

*When My Name Was Keoko*, Linda Sue Park

#### Rising 8th Grade:

*Warriors Don't Cry*, Melba Pattillo Beals

*The Adoration of Jenna Fox*, Mary E. Pearson

If you are interested in finding additional recommended titles for your Middle School student, please see the link below:

[Middle School Recommended Reading List Link](#)

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