

## Middle School Required Reading

Listed below are the reading requirements for all students entering 6th - 8th grades. Reporting instructions for each of the required books are on the reverse side of this listing. Have a great summer and get a head start on your reading. Pacing yourself will allow ample time for completion of the required books.

### 6th grade

*The Cay*, Theodore Taylor  
*Let the Circle Be Unbroken*, Mildred Taylor

- Read 3 additional books of your choice from the reading lists and complete cards on them, as well.

### 7th grade

*Steal Away*, Jennifer Armstrong  
*Homeless Bird*, Gloria Whelan

- Read 3 additional books of your choice from the reading lists and complete cards on them, as well.

### 8th grade

*To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee  
*Animal Farm*, George Orwell  
*The Moves Make the Man*, Bruce Brooks

### Reporting instructions for middle school students:

Write note cards on all required books. Any additional books will be credited towards prizes for summer reading. Follow the reporting instructions carefully:

- Create one note card for each book that you read.
- Use 5 x 8 cards (3 x 5 cards are too small and will not be accepted.)
- Write neatly in blue or black ink. You may also opt to type your cards.

#### On the front of each card include:

- Title (underlined or italicized if typed) and author
- Your name and the date that you finished the book
- Setting (time and place of action)
- Names of major characters
- Theme
- Category (fiction or nonfiction)
- Author's point of view

#### On the back of the card include:

- Author's attitude toward the characters
- Write a memorable line or sentence, and chapter or page where this can be found.
- State your reason for choosing this line.
- Explain what you like most about the book.
- Explain what you like least about the book.
- State your opinion of the book:
  - Would you recommend it to your friends?
  - Is the subject interesting
  - Would you want to read other books by the same author?
  - Explain your opinion. Do not just answer yes or no.

Eighth grade note: Be prepared to write a well-defined, four-paragraph (minimum) essay: an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion upon returning to school. Quotes will be expected to be incorporated to support your statements. This will be assigned during the first week of school.