

**SUMMER READING  
INCOMING 8th GRADE**

Reading time should be a regular part of each student's day.

The following books are **required**: *The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton  
*The Contender*, Robert Lipsyte

Students should complete an *Elements of a Novel* sheet (attached) for each novel. In addition, students are required to keep a reading log that lists additional books read and time spent reading verified by parental signature. Thirty hours of reading is required in addition to the two required books.

The books listed below are recommended for this purpose;

*Airport*, Barker \*  
*The Wizard of Oz*, Baum  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*,  
**Mildred Taylor**  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*,  
Twain  
*The Prince and the Pauper*, Twain  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry  
Finn*, Twain  
*Holes*, Sachar  
*Canyons*, Paulson  
*Runs With Horses*, Burks  
*Witness*, Karen Hesse  
*Snow in August*, Hamill \*  
*The Music of the Dolphins*, Hesse  
*The Barn*, Avi  
*That Was Then*, Hinton

*Banner in the Sky*, Ullman \*  
*Robinson Crusoe*, Defoe  
*Nothing but the Truth*, Avi  
*Witch Child*, Rees  
*Lance Armstrong*, Gutman  
*A Shining Season*, Buchanan  
*Gone With the Wind*, Mitchell \*  
*I Have Lived a Thousand Years*,  
Bitton-Jackson  
*Chinese Cinderella*, Mah  
*To Sir With Love*, Braithwaite  
*Bill Gates*, Lesinski \*  
*Ghandi: His Life and Message for  
the World*, Fischer \*  
*The Autobiography of Miss Jane  
Pitman*, Gaines \*

\* More Challenging

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