

**Entering 8th Grade (2021-2022)
Middle School Language Arts Summer Reading**

Required Reading: You will read **two books** for summer reading before 8th grade. You will take an AR quiz on **each** book. If you write (by hand) one page of notes for each book, you are free to use those notes on the AR quizzes. You will write a paper for **each** of the books.

1. Read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
 - a. Write an 800-1000-word paper. Evaluate the plot, the main characters, and events that take place in the book. Give your opinion of the book. Use quotes from the text (at least ten). Your paper should be written in paragraph form with an introduction and conclusion. Cite page numbers for your quotes. Make sure to check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Include a word count.
2. Read a book of your choice from the below list.
 - a. Write an 800-1000-word paper. Evaluate the plot, the main characters, and events that take place in the book. Give your opinion of the book. Use quotes from the text (at least ten). Your paper should be written in paragraph form with an introduction and conclusion. Cite page numbers for your quotes. Check your grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Include a word count.

Book List:

Absolutely Normal Chaos, Sharon Creech
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Sherman Alexie
Crash, by Jerry Spinelli
Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card
The Fault in Our Stars, John Green
The Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien
For Whom the Bell Tolls, Ernest Hemingway
The Great Divorce, C.S. Lewis
Just Fly Away, Andrew McCarthy
Messenger, by Lois Lowry
The Once and Future King, T.H. White
Knots on my Yo Yo String, Jerry Spinelli
Make Lemonade, Virginia Euwer Wolff
Out of the Dust, Karen Hesse
Out of the Silent Planet, C.S. Lewis
Perelandra, C.S. Lewis
The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis
The Silver Chair, C.S. Lewis
Skink, Carl Hiaasen
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents, Julia Alvarez
That Hideous Strength, C.S. Lewis
The Two Towers, J.R.R. Tolkien
White Fang, Jack London