



SUMMER READING

7th and 8th grade – Summer 2023

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2nd St. Campus

For rising seventh graders, the required reading is:

- *March, Book One* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

Cooper Campus

For rising seventh graders, the required reading is:

- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

For rising eighth graders, the required reading is:

- *The Storyteller* by Brandon Hobson
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

Independent Reading List

Non-Fiction

African Icons: Ten People Who Shaped History by Tracey Baptiste, illustrated by Hillary D. Wilson

Drawn Across Borders : True Stories of Human Migration by George Butler

Free Lunch by Rex Ogle

Plasticus Martimus: An Invasive Species by Ana Pego, illustrated by Bernardo P. Carvalho

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You by Jason Reynolds

How We Got to the Moon: the People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure by John Rocco

Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

Ancient World & Mythology

Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki by Kevin Crossley-Holland, illustrated by Jeffrey Alan Love

Gilgamesh the Hero by Geraldine McCaughrean, illustrated by Davis Parkins

(+) *Gods and Warriors* by Michelle Paver

Skraelings: Clashes in the Old Arctic by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley

Amber and Clay by Laura Amy Schlitz

(+) *The Eagle of the Ninth (Roman Britain Trilogy, Book 1)* by Rosemary Sutcliff

The Shadow Hero by Gene Luen Yang

The Ode to the Goddess of the Luo River by Yu Zhiying, illustrated by Ye Luying

Historical Fiction

The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman

The Long Ride by Marina Budhos

We Are Not Free by Traci Chee

Troublemaker by John Cho

Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna by Aida P. Dobbs

Downstairs Girl by Stacy Lee

Everything Sad Is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri

Chula the Fox by Anthony Perry

Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney

Dawn Raid by Pauline Smith, illustrated by Mat Hunkin

Realistic Fiction

King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Thanks A Lot, Universe by Chad Lucas

Birdie and Me by J.M.M. Nuñez

Ain't Burned All the Bright by Jason Reynolds, illustrated by Jason Griffin

Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Land of the Cranes by Aida Salazar
Crossing the Farak River by Michelle Aung Thin
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia Williams
Kaya Girl by Mamle Wolo

Romance and Relationships

A Match Made in Mehendi by Nandini Bajpai
The Brave by James Bird
Super Adjacent by Crystal Cestari
All American Muslim Girl by Nadine Jolie Courtney
Redwood and Ponytail by K.A. Holt
In the Key of Us by Mariama J. Lockington
(+) *Crush* by Gary Paulsen
Spin With Me by Ami Polonsky
Love Is a Revolution by Renee Watson

Adventure, Survival and Sports

One Last Shot by John David Anderson
The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling
(+) *Dough Boys* by Paula Chase
Illegal by Eoin Colfer
Undercover Latina by Aya de León
Strike Zone by Mike Lupica
Ten Thousand Tries by Amy Makechnie
(+) *Blazewrath Games* by Amparo Ortiz
(+) *Epoca: The Tree of Ecrof* by Ivy Pochoda

Horror, Mystery and Suspense

The Girl and the Ghost by Hanna Alkaf
Hide and Seeker by Daka Hermon
Poe: Stories and Poems by Gareth Hinds
(+) *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson
Living Ghosts and Mischievous Monsters by Dan Sasuwah Jones, illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre
Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone by Tae Keller
Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger, illustrated by Rovina Cai
(+) *Ali Cross* by James Patterson
(+) *The Shadow Cipher* by Laura Ruby

Fantasy

(+) *Children of Blood and Bone* by Toni Adeyemi
Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M.T. Anderson, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier

(+) *Giant: Prequel to the Merlin Saga* by T.A. Barron

(+) *Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi

(+) *Fireborne* by Rosaria Munda

The Insiders by Mark Oshiro

(+) *Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls* by Kaela Rivera

Root Magic by Eden Royce

Children of the Quicksands by Efua Traore

Science Fiction

The Extraordinary Colors of Auden Dare by Zillah Bethell

(+) *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbalia and Prince Joel Makonnen

Stanislaw Lem's The Seventh Voyage by Jon J. Muth

Flood City by Daniel Jose Older

(+) *Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel

Maximillian Fly by Angie Sage

(+) *Scythe* by Neil Shusterman