

Summer Reading List

Eighth Grade

Pre-8th grade students are required to purchase and read *Parallel Journeys* by Eleanor Ayer, and then choose and read any two books from the list below. You must write a one-paragraph summary for each book.

REQUIRED BOOK

Parallel Journeys by Eleanor Ayer

A female survivor of Auschwitz concentration camp meets a former male member of the Hitler Youth movement. They recount their war experiences and describe how they met forty years later.

BOOK CHOICES

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

The true story of Corrie ten Boom and the efforts she and her sister made to save Jews during World War II. Their faith helped them survive a Nazi prison camp.

The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells

This science fiction book chronicles the events of a Martian invasion.

White Fang by Jack London

White Fang is a wolf-dog that is rescued from its brutal owner and becomes domesticated through the kindness and patience of its new owner Weedon Scott.

Night by Elie Wiesel

A true account of the author's experiences as a Jewish boy with his family in a Nazi concentration camp.

The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain

When young Edward VI of England and a poor boy who resembles him exchange places, each learns something about the other's very different station in life.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

The adventures of a mischievous young boy and his friends growing up in a Mississippi River town in the nineteenth century.

The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen

In the discontented kingdom of Carthya, civil war is brewing. To unify the divided people, Conner, a nobleman of the court, devises a cunning plan to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince.

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

A poor fisherman dreams of wealth and happiness for his family when he finds a priceless pearl.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

A midnight visitor escorts Meg, Calvin, and Charles across the barriers of space and time to another world.

Miracle in the Andes: 72 Days on the Mountain and the Long Trek Home by Nando Parrado

Nando Parrado was unconscious for three days before he woke to discover that the plane carrying his rugby team, as well as their family members and supporters to an exhibition game in Chile, had crashed deep in the Andes. An astonishing account of survival and hope.

The Contender by Robert Lipsyte

Alfred Brooks is on the path to nowhere until he begins training at Donatelli's Gym. He has dreams of becoming a boxing champion. But before you can be a champion, you have to be a contender.

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The four March sisters couldn't be more different. However, they share creativity, a strong love for their mother, and looking forward to their father coming home from the war.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Based on a true story, this book tells the story of 12-year-old Karana, who is stranded alone on an island and must figure out how to survive.