

# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY – MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2024



Dear Students,

Please choose a book to read from the suggested reading list for the grade you will be entering in September. Your goal is to read a book that interests you and one that you've not read before. Be ready to share your experience with your class when you come back to school in September. If you're not sure what these books are about, do some research to find out (Amazon has great brief summaries of books). Complete the attached journal packet during and after reading your book. Remember that copying from other students or the internet is plagiarism, and this will not be accepted! You will take an Accelerated Reader test and complete an assignment on your book when we return to school in the fall. Incoming 6th graders, you will hear more about Accelerated Reader when the school year starts. Accelerated Reader is an online tool that we use to keep track of our reading progress and goals throughout the year.

Do your best and enjoy your reading time over the summer! There is also a spot for you to add a bonus book review if you choose to read more than one book. Remember that "books are a uniquely portable magic" so if you are traveling this summer, bring a book along with you! Also, remember that summer reading is not meant to be jammed in at the last minute or looked at as a chore. Read your book a little bit each day and you will be amazed at the progress you make! You will not feel stressed about finishing it before the school year begins if you spread your reading time throughout the summer. Summer reading helps to improve your reading skills, comprehension, memory, vocabulary, self-esteem, and so much more!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Grew, ELA 6-8 Teacher at NDA

## Summer Reading List For NDA Middle School Students

To preview what each book is about to decide which one you would like to read, search the book's title and author on Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Read the brief review of the book to see if it sparks your interest. Certain titles are purposely left off these lists because each grade completes two novel studies a year, so please stick to the list for your grade. Do NOT read a book that you have already read!

Students entering grade 6	Students entering grade 7	Students entering grade 8
<p><i>My Side of the Mountain</i> by Jean Craighead George</p> <p><i>Hatchet</i> by Gary Paulsen</p> <p><i>Close to Famous</i> by Joan Bauer</p> <p><i>Hoot</i> by Carl Hiaasen</p> <p><i>Running Out of Time</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix</p> <p><i>The Story of My Life</i> by Helen Keller</p> <p><i>Titanic: Voices from the Disaster</i> by Deborah Hopkinson</p> <p><i>My Life with Chimpanzees</i> by Jane Goodall</p> <p><i>The Breadwinner</i> by Deborah Ellis</p> <p><i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p><i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p><i>Walk Two Moons</i> by Sharon Creech</p> <p><i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli</p> <p><i>The Hero Two Doors Down</i> by Sharon Robinson</p> <p><i>One Crazy Summer</i> by Rita Williams-Garcia</p> <p><i>Ungifted</i> by Gordan Korman</p> <p><i>The River</i> by Gary Paulsen</p>	<p><i>Sophia's War</i> by Avi</p> <p><i>Dragonwings</i> by Laurence Yep</p> <p><i>Fever 1793</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson</p> <p><i>Lyddie</i> by Katherine Patterson</p> <p><i>Savvy</i> by Ingrid Law</p> <p><i>The Skin I'm In</i> by Sharon Flake</p> <p><i>I Am Malala</i> (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai</p> <p><i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> (Young Readers Edition) by William Kamkwamba</p> <p><i>The Notorious Benedict Arnold</i> by Steve Sheinkin</p> <p><i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i> by Jordan Sonnenblick</p> <p><i>Out of My Mind</i> by Sharon Draper</p> <p><i>So B. It</i> by Sarah Weeks</p> <p><i>The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg</i> by Rodman Philbrick</p> <p><i>Weedflower</i> by Cynthia Kadohata</p> <p><i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i> by Kwame Mbalia</p> <p><i>Witches of Blackbird Pond</i> by Elizabeth George Speare</p> <p><i>Double Identity</i> by Margaret Peterson Haddix</p>	<p><i>A Night Divided</i> by Jennifer Nielson</p> <p><i>Chains</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson</p> <p><i>Time of the Witches</i> by Anna Myers</p> <p><i>Crossover</i> by Kwame Alexander</p> <p><i>Hidden Figures</i> (Young Readers Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly</p> <p><i>Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War II</i> by Joseph Bruchac</p> <p><i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson</p> <p><i>Behind Enemy Lines: A Young Pilot's Story</i> by H.R. DeMallie</p> <p><i>Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery</i> by Peter Abrahams</p> <p><i>Do the Math: Secrets, Lies, and Algebra</i> by Wendy Lichtman</p> <p><i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds</p> <p><i>All the Broken Pieces</i> by Ann E. Burg</p> <p><i>Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London</p> <p><i>Woods Runner</i> by Gary Paulsen</p> <p><i>Elijah of Buxton</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p><i>That Was Then, This Is Now</i> by S.E. Hinton</p> <p><i>The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien</p>







