

Welcome Incoming 8th Grade Students!

The 8th grade teachers want to congratulate you on completing 7th grade under the unique circumstances we have endured this school year.

The primary mission we want to accomplish with summer reading is simple:

WE WANT YOU TO READ!

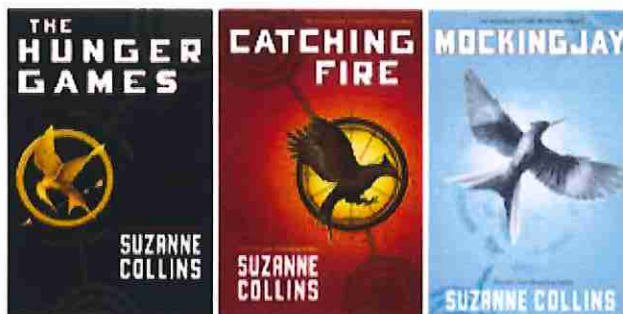
We want you to read at least **two books** this summer. You may pick any grade-level books you wish from any genre you want to. **We do not require any written assignments over the summer, but we were hoping you keep those reading skills sharp! There will be extra credit opportunities available at the start of the school year.**

If you struggle choosing books, we have a few suggestions for you. These are just suggestions that we know students your age have enjoyed in the past. You don't need to worry about which ELA teacher you have...we want you to read!

Recommended titles:

1. *The Hunger Games*
2. *Catching Fire*
3. *Mockingjay*

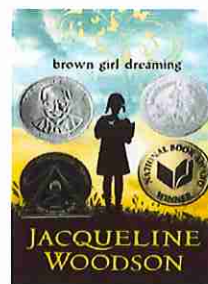
Books by Suzanne Collins



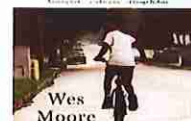
4. *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

- The memoir of a young African American girl told in verse. Don't let the "verse" throw you off.

It's not rhyming verse, rather storytelling in concise language.

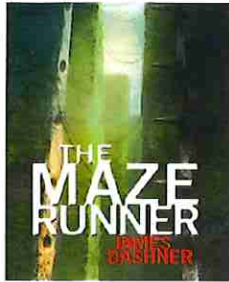


NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
The Other Wes Moore
One Name, Two Fates

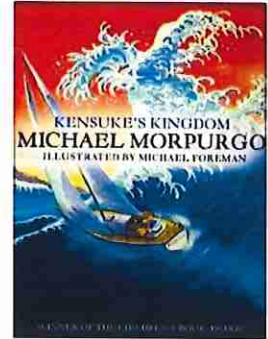


5. *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore

6. *The Maze Runner*
by James Dashner



7. *Kensuke's Kingdom*
by Michael Morpurgo



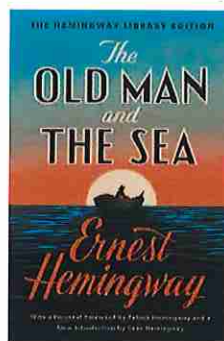
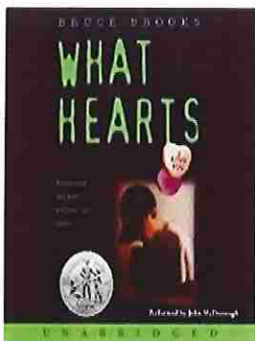
- If you liked *Hatchet*, you will LOVE *Kensuke's Kingdom*. When Michael's father loses his job, he buys a boat and convinces Michael and his mother to sail around the world. It starts as the perfect family adventure — until Michael is swept overboard. He's washed up on an island, where he struggles to survive. He discovers that he is not alone. An elderly Japanese man named Kensuke has lived on the island since the bombing of his native Nagasaki. The two develop a close understanding, but the question of rescue continues to divide them.



8. *The Sign of the Beaver*
by Elizabeth George Speare

- Twelve-year-old Matt is left on his own in the Maine wilderness while his father leaves to bring the rest of the family to their new settlement. When he befriends Attean, an Indian chief's grandson, he is invited to join the Beaver tribe and move north. Should Matt abandon his hopes of ever seeing his family again and go on to a new life?

9. *What Hearts*
by Bruce Brooks



10. *The Old Man and The Sea*
by Ernest Hemingway