

Summer Reading

Choose one of the following novels and prepare a project to share the first week back to school. There are no requirements just your imagination.

Freak the Mighty: This simple yet timeless story explores many themes, including bullying -- an important topic in today's schools. *Freak the Mighty* is sure to remain fresh, dramatic, and memorable for the next twenty years and beyond!

Ender's Game: In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin lives with his kind but distant parents, his sadistic brother Peter, and the person he loves more than anyone else, his sister Valentine. Peter and Valentine were candidates for the soldier-training program but didn't make the cut--young Ender is the Wiggin drafted to the orbiting Battle School for rigorous military training.

Ender's skills make him a leader in school and respected in the Battle Room, where children play at mock battles in zero gravity. Yet growing up in an artificial community of young soldiers, Ender suffers greatly from isolation, rivalry from his peers, pressure from the adult teachers, and an unsettling fear of the alien invaders. His psychological battles include loneliness, fear that he is becoming like the cruel brother he remembers, and fanning the flames of devotion to his beloved sister.

Book Thief : When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.

Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist--books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

****If there is a book you would like to read instead of one of these please email Natalie at natalie.marchiani@fsma.k12.de.us or Jen jennifer.leitner@fsma.k12.de.us for approval.**

Math Summer Work

There is no assigned math work - however we know that students tend to lose ground over the summer months so we recommend **Summer Bridge Activities** or **Spectrum Workbooks** to help keeps their skills sharp.

Books for 2018-19 School Year

7th Grade Only: (Required) *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Stephen Covey
(labeled with your name)

All Students: Each cycle there will be book choices that students may pick from. We have copies available but we recognize that some students like to have their own books to use. If you would like to purchase your own books so that you can write in them, mark them up, etc., ***only pick one*** book for each cycle. Please discuss with your child if there is a book you would like your teen to read or not read. Please label books that you purchase with your name.

Novels

Cycle 1: (September)

<u>Animal Farm</u> by George Orwell	ISBN 0-451-52634-1
<u>April Morning</u> by Howard Fast	ISBN 0-553-27322-1
<u>Red Scarf Girl</u> by Ji Li Jiang	ISBN 0-06-446208-0
<u>Scarlet Pimpernel</u> by Baroness Orczy	ISBN 0-451-52315-6

Cycle 2: (October/November)

<u>Lord of the Flies</u> by William Golding	ISBN 0-399-50148-7
<u>Fahrenheit 451</u> by Ray Bradbury	ISBN 0-345-34296-8
<u>1984</u> by George Orwell	ISBN 0-451-52493-4
<u>Invitation to the Game</u> by Monica Hughes	ISBN 0-671-86692-3

Cycle 3: (January)

<u>Breaking Barriers</u> , Jules Archer	ISBN 0-670-83104-2
<u>The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman</u> , E. Gaines	ISBN 0-553-26357-9
<u>Warriors Don't Cry</u> , Melba Pattillo Beals	ISBN 0-671-86639-7
<u>Gandhi</u> , Loius Fischer	ISBN 0-451-62742-3
<u>Breaking Through</u> by Francisco Jimenez	

Cycle 4: (February)

<u>The Jungle</u> by Upton Sinclair	ISBN 0-451-52420-9
<u>We Shall Not Be Moved</u> by Joan Dash	ISBN 0-590-48410-9
<u>Counting on Grace</u> by Elizabeth Winthrop	ISBN 0-553487833
<u>Lyddie</u> by Katherine Paterson	ISBN 0-140373896

Cycle 5: (March/April)

<u>I Am David</u> by Anne Holm	ISBN 0-15-205160-0
<u>Childhood's End</u> by Arthur C. Clarke	ISBN 0-345444051
<u>I, Robot</u> by Isaac Asimov	ISBN 0-553294385
<u>Flowers for Algernon</u> by Daniel Keyes	ISBN 0-15-6030306