

JAMES RIVER DAY SCHOOL

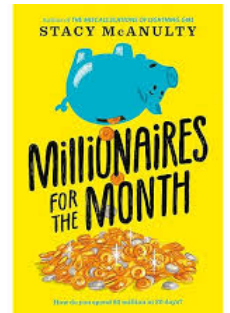
8th-Grade Summer Reading Requirements

Two books in total are required. Use this [Book Log](#) to respond to your reading.

- ☐ Required Book for Middle School (Grades 5-8): All middle school students will choose one of [Stacy McAnulty's](#) books to enjoy this summer. Stacy McAnulty is a best-selling children's book author who used to be a mechanical engineer.
- "I love science. I love math. And I LOVE stories! I don't believe these things must orbit in different solar systems. In my books, I aim to entertain, spark curiosity, and nurture a love of reading."* -Stacy McAnulty**



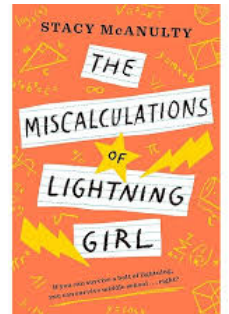
The Evers: Forever Twelve - At the elite West Archer Academy, all the students are gifted, but four are exceptional. Though the Evers look twelve, they're actually centuries old, possessing knowledge and talents that make them extraordinary. And boarding school is the perfect cover for their brilliance -- and their secret. What if you could live forever?



Millionaires for the Month - Felix Rannells and Benji Porter were never supposed to be field-trip partners. Felix is a rule follower. Benji is a rule *bender*. They're not friends. And they don't have anything to talk about. Until . . . They find a wallet. A wallet that belongs to a tech billionaire. How would you spend 5 million dollars in 30 days?



The World Ends in April - Eleanor Dross knows a thing or two about the end of the world, thanks to a survivalist grandfather who stockpiles supplies just in case. So when she reads about a prediction that an asteroid will strike Earth in April, Eleanor knows her family will be prepared. Her classmates? They're on their own!



The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl - Lucy Callahan's life was changed forever when lightning struck her. She doesn't remember it, but the zap gave her genius-level math skills, and she's been homeschooled ever since. Now, at 12 years old, she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass one more test—middle school!

- ☐ Rising 8th graders must read ***Unbroken: Young Readers Edition*** by Laura Hillenbrand. In this captivating and lavishly illustrated young adult edition of her award-winning #1 *New York Times* bestseller, Laura Hillenbrand tells the story of a former Olympian's courage, cunning, and fortitude following his plane crash in enemy territory. This adaptation of *Unbroken* introduces a new generation to one of history's most thrilling survival epics. [Audio editions available.](#)
- ☐ Rising 8th graders are also encouraged to read **one independent book choice** at the student's reading level or above. [Click here](#) for a list of recommendations.

