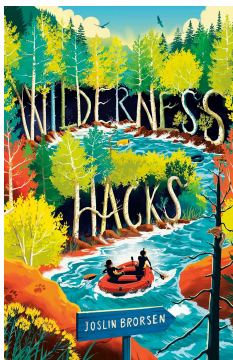


## 5th-8th Grade Summer Reading Requirements

Middle Schoolers are required to read two books in total: the required book listed below by grade level, plus one independent book at or above their reading level.

[Click here](#) for a list of recommendations.

Use the [Summer Reading Journal](#) to respond to your reading.



**Rising 5th Graders** will read ***Wilderness Hacks*** by Joslin Borsen.

This high-action adventure is a humor-filled middle-grade story about two modern kids stranded in the wilderness, whose annoyance with each other rivals the roaring rapids and ferocious predators they must face.

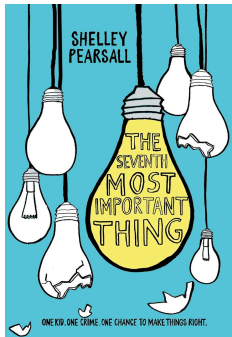
Combines themes of grief, loss, and differences with fast-paced surprises that will keep survival readers turning pages.



**Rising 6th graders** will read ***Greystone Secrets #1: The Strangers*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix.

Follow three children—Chess, Emma, and Finn—as they begin receiving mysterious messages that suggest their lives aren't what they seem. The story builds tension as the kids work together

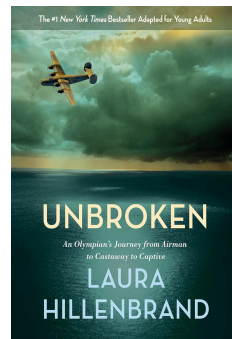
to understand their past and figure out who they can trust. ([audio editions available](#))



**Rising 7th graders** will read ***The Seventh Most Important Thing*** by Shelley Pearsal.

One kid. One crime. One chance to make things right. This is a story of how one angry act brings together a thirteen-year-old boy and a reclusive “Junk Man” in his neighborhood. When the teen is

sentenced to work for the man he injured, he begins to unravel the Junk Man's surprising secrets. A powerful tale of friendship, loss, art, and forgiveness. Can art transform lives? Find out!



**Rising 8th graders** will 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 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.