

The Weiss School

Middle School Summer Reading 2019-2020

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This summer, The Weiss School Middle School is assigning all future 6th — 8th grade students required reading over the summer months.

Everyone at our school believes that reading is an enjoyable and educational experience that can easily be treasured over the summer months. Adolescents deserve specific opportunities to schedule reading into their days. Our staff at The Weiss School believes, along with the American Library Association, that . . .

- Time spent reading is related to reading success.
- Time spent reading is associated with attitudes toward additional reading.
- Time spent reading is tied to knowledge of the world.
- Reading is a worthwhile life experience.

Parents, teachers, and librarians also need to help children find time to read in their busy lives. We encourage parents to sit down over the summer and read a book with your children.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All students must read two books during the summer. An assessment will be given in class during the first week of the school year. **One book as noted is required of all students.**

Thank you,

Joan Green

Students Entering 6th Grade

Where the Red Fern Grows (This book as noted is required of all students.)

- *Devil's Arithmetic* Jane Yolan
- *The Chocolate War* Robert Cormier
- *Jayden's Rescue* Tumanov
- *The Egypt Game* Zilpha Keatly Snyder

Students Entering 7th Grade

Nothing But the Truth Avi (This book as noted is required of all students.)

- *Devil's Arithmetic* Jane Yolan
- *Chasing Vermeer* Balliett
- *The Captive* by Scott O'Dell
- *Gideon the Cutpurse* by Linda Buckley-Archer
- *Summer of My German Soldier* by Bette Greene
- *House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisero

Students Entering 8th Grade

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (This book as noted is required of all students.)

- *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*
- *The Outsiders* Hinton
- *That Was Then, This Is Now* Hinton
- *Rumble Fish* Hinton
- *Summer of My German Soldier* by Bette Greene
- *The Loud Silence of Francine Green* by Karen Cushman
- *Night* by Elie Wiesel
- *War Between the Classes* Miklowitz
- *Shakespeare Stealer* Blackwood
- *Schwa Was Here* Shusterman
- *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Stephanie Meyer
- *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel

8th Grade Honors

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe (This book as noted is required for all students.)

- *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *Bluefish* by Pat Schmatz