

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School

8th GRADE SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

The primary goal of our Summer Reading List is to encourage a love of reading. Students are not required to read over the summer, but in order to sustain and/or increase a student's reading level, it is important that he/she continues to practice the art of reading. Books chosen should be based on a student's own interest and abilities. Parents are strongly encouraged to discuss specific titles with their children to ensure a comfortable level of exposure to certain topics and subject matter.

So...what to read?

- Is it interesting? Choose something that is at an appropriate reading and age level.
- Classic literature is always a great place to start when choosing a book.
- Take a trip to TADL (Traverse Area District Library) -- there you will find a vast array of choices. TADL also has a Summer Reading Club you may want to investigate.
- Browse bookstores, talk with other students, or simply check out reviews online (www.goodreads.com is a great place to start).
- Email Mrs. Summers (lsummers@gtacs.org). She LOVES books and is always willing to help.

Choosing what to read is up to each individual. Don't feel overwhelmed; instead, feel empowered. The following is a SUGGESTED (NOT required) list of titles. In addition, Amazon.com can be an easy-access place to start research when deciphering interest or ability levels. Refer to book descriptions and editorial reviews on this site.

SUGGESTED TITLES NONFICTION

Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom
Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom
Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl
How Angel Peterson Got His Name by Gary Paulsen
Elephant Run by Roland Smith Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson
I am a Seal Team Six Warrior by Howard Wasdin
Your ideas:

FICTION

Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix
A Long Walk to Water —Based on a true story by Linda Sue Park
Series of Unfortunate Events (series) by Lemony Snickett
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonneblick
The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings (series) by JRR Tolkien
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Your ideas: