

Universal School Recommended Summer Reading

Choose two books from the assigned grade level list and have them read by the first full day of school.

6th Grade:

1. *Number the Stars* by Lewis Lowry
2. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'dell
3. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill
4. *Souder* by William H. Armstrong
5. *Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli
6. *Holes* by Louis Sachar
7. *Hour of the Bees* by Lindsay Eager
8. *Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan
9. *Schooled* by Gordon Korman
10. *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
11. *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenk

7th Grade:

1. *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
2. *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl
3. *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt
4. *Bigger than a Bread Box* by Laurel Snyder
5. *Words in the Dust* by Trent Reedy
6. *Tuesday's at the Castle* by Jessica Day George
7. *The Eighth Day* by Dianne K. Salerni
8. *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
9. *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
10. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
11. *Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol (graphic novel)
12. *March* by Lewis and Andrew Aydin (graphic novel)

8th Grade:

1. *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
2. *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-li Jiang
3. *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
4. *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose
5. *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
6. *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone
7. *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
8. *Cinder* (Lunar Chronicles #1) by Marissa Meyer
9. *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
10. *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness

9th Grade:

1. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
2. *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram
3. *The Book Thief* by Mark Zusack
4. *Death Be Not Proud* by John Gunther
5. *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran
6. *What is the What* by Dave Eggers
7. *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
8. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
9. *How Dare the Sun Rise* by Sandra Uwiringiyimana
10. *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
11. *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
12. *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman

10th Grade:

1. *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
2. *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
3. *Tasting the Sky* by Ibtisam Barakat
4. *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man* by James Weldon Johnson
5. *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams
6. *Native Son* by Richard Wright
7. *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut
8. *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Jacobs
9. *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac
10. *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

11th Grade:

1. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Alex Haley and Malcolm X
2. *Black Boy* by Richard Wright
3. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
4. *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
5. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
6. *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man* by James Weldon Johnson
7. *The Ox-Bow Incident* by Walter Van Tilburg Clark
8. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander
9. *No Name in the Street* by James Baldwin
10. *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
11. *Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan

12th Grade:

1. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte
2. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
3. *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens
4. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare
5. *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad
6. *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
7. *1984* by George Orwell
8. *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas
9. *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
10. *The Stranger* by Albert Camus
11. *Siddhartha* by Hermann Hesse
12. *Mornings in Jenin* by Susan Abulhawa

AP:

AP English students MUST read ALL THREE of the texts below and will write an essay on them the first week of school.

1. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass
2. *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair
3. *Notes of a Native Son* by James Baldwin