

Dear Parents and Students,

Summer provides the perfect opportunity for students and families to enjoy great books together! The goal of middle school summer reading is to foster a love of reading. Reading over the summer can also help students to maintain or even improve their reading skills.

Due to COVID, we were unable to have 'Battle of the Books' last year. However, we will be able to participate this upcoming school year. We have decided to use the 'Battle of the Books' 2021 book list for student's summer reading choices. Each student is required to choose two books from the list. Students should write their name by the two books that they've chosen on this shared Google Doc. We do not want more than two names per book. This means, the sooner you sign up, the more likely you'll be to receive your first choice of books! The list contains a variety of genres and comprehension levels. If you would like a recommendation, I am more than happy to assist.

Once students have selected their books, they will be required to complete a "Book Buddy" (please see attached) form for each book. These will not only assist with their comprehension and analysis of the book, but will also serve a purpose in our classroom library. Once completed, we will use these 'Book Buddy' forms as recommendations/reviews for other students who may be interested in reading the novel. We will place them inside the book in our classroom library, so that students can recommend books to their friends.

Next year, I will also be implementing 'Book Talks' to encourage students to read independently. Students will be expected to choose two books a quarter to read on their own, and complete a 'Book Talk' (this will be explained in depth to students at the beginning of the year).

However, I would like to give students a choice - if they choose to read an ADDITIONAL book from the 'Summer Reading' list, and complete a 'Book Buddy', they will only be required to do one 'Book Talk' during the first quarter.

I am so looking forward to teaching your students next year. Have a wonderful summer!

Best,

Miss Moffet

Lower School List

Author

Applegate, Katherine

Avi

Cole, Henry

DiCamillo, Kate

George, Jessica

Haddix, Margaret

Harlow, Joan

Jamieson, Victoria

Keller, Tae

Korman, Gordon

Lewis, C.S.

Lewis, Gill

Naylor, Phyllis

Park, Linda

Sachar, Louis

Shahan, Sherry

Stewart, Trenton

Taylor, Theodore,

Urban, Linda

Venkatraman, Padma

Title

Crenshaw

The Secret School

A Nest for Celeste

The Tale of Despereaux

Tuesdays at the Castle

Running Out of Time

Midnight Rider

Roller Girl

When You Trap a Tiger

Slacker

The Lion, the Witch, & the
Wardrobe

Wild Wings

Shiloh

The Kite Fighters

Sideways Stories from Wayside
School

Frozen Stiff

The Mysterious Benedict Society

The Trouble with Tuck

A Crooked Kind of Perfect

The Bridge Home

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