



GRADE 8 SUMMER READING!



Dear Parents,

To prepare for 8th grade, we suggest that your child read any of the following books. **Please be aware that not all of the books are appropriate for every reader.** Please help your child to choose a book that is appropriate for him/her. Go to www.amazon.com for a summary of each book & reader reviews.

If you have questions please contact Rose O'Neill-Verney, Milford Middle School Curriculum Coordinator at 673-5221, x1530.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Milford Middle School Grade 8 Teachers

<p><u>A Loss of Words</u> - Lou Ann Walker <u>Airmen</u> - Eoin Colfer <u>Bridge to Terabithia</u> - Katherine Patterson <u>Bud, Not Buddy</u> - Christopher Paul Curtis <u>Crackback</u> - Jon Coy <u>Eight Keys</u> - Suzanne M. LaFleur <u>Esperanza Rising</u>- Pam Munoz Ryan <u>Every Day</u> - David Levithan <u>Faith, Hope and Ivy June</u> - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor <u>Flygirl</u> - Sherri L. Smith <u>Gym Candy</u> - Carl Deuker <u>Hatchet</u> - Gary Paulsen <u>Heart of a Champion</u> - Carl Deuker <u>Homeboyz</u> - Allen Lawrence Sitomer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: Age: Young adult. This is an engaging story written for struggling readers with a theme that relates to the theme in Touching Spirit Bear, a book students read in 7th grade. However, it has some violence & inappropriate language. <p><u>Is It Night or Day?</u> - Fern Schumer Chapman <u>Letters from Wolfie</u> - Patti Sherlock <u>Little Women</u> - Louisa May Alcott <u>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</u> - Gary Schmidt</p>	<p><u>Miracle Boys</u> - Jacqueline Wilson <u>Misfits</u> - James Howe <u>Out of My Mind</u> - Sharon Draper <u>Rash</u> - Pete Hautman <u>Runner</u> - Carl Deuker <u>Slam</u> - Walter Dean Myers <u>Soldier Boys</u> - Dean Hughes <u>Soldier X</u> - Dan L. Wulffson <u>Speak</u> - Laurie Halse Anderson <u>Stuck in Neutral</u> - Terry Trueman <u>Summer of My German Soldier</u> - Bette Green <u>Sunrise Over Fallujah</u> - Walter Dean Myers <u>The Book Thief</u> - Markus Zusak <u>The Contender</u> - Robert Lypsite <u>The Fault in Our Stars</u> - John Green <u>The Fledgling</u> - Jane Langton <u>The Red Kayak</u> - Priscilla Cummings <u>Travel Team</u> - Mike Lupica <u>Truesight</u> - David Stahler Jr. <u>What Happened to Cass McBride</u> - Gail Giles <u>Where the Redfern Grows</u> - Wilson Rawls <u>Wonder</u> - R. J. Palacio</p>
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To earn 10 bonus points, have your student answer the questions below and bring to his or her teacher during the first week of school! Use additional paper if needed.

Name: _____

Book Title: _____

1. What did the book teach you or show you about life that you never noticed before?
2. What did you learn or realize about yourself as a result of this reading?
3. Explain the theme(s) or lesson(s) learned in the book.
4. Explain a connection you had with a character or event from the book.
5. Would you recommend this book to someone? Explain why or why not.