

## 2020 Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With summer upon us, we hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities or just relaxing with a good book! White Township School would like to invite students to participate in our 2020 Summer Reading Challenge. Our goal is to keep students growing as readers over summer vacation. We appreciate your support as you encourage your child to enjoy wonderful children's books or young adult literature from your book collection at home, through eBook resources, and hopefully through local libraries soon.

Students are challenged to read as many books as possible. As your child reads over the summer, we ask that the books read, either together or independently, are recorded on the [Summer Reading Log](#). Please include the book title, author, number of pages, as well as parent's initials when completing the log. Students will need to hand in reading logs during the first week of school in September. Each child who participates in the Summer Reading Challenge will be recognized for their efforts this fall. Stay tuned for more details!

### Grade 6-8 Challenge

Read 4 (or more) chapter books/novels and they may include the books being read for Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Mulligan's summer reading lists.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Walsh at [walsh@whitewpsd.org](mailto:walsh@whitewpsd.org) if you have any questions about the program. Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Find "Just Right Books" with the...

### FIVE FINGER RULE!

Choose a book and read the first page or two.

Put one finger up for every word you don't know.

If five of your fingers go up while reading, choose another book.

If only two or three fingers go up, you've found a "just right" book.

**Links below are for additional summer reading lists and resources to help with summer reading selections.**

\* Book recommendations by grade level:  
<https://www.the-best-childrens-books.org>

\* Audio books for reluctant readers:  
<https://librivox.org/>

\* Books and reviews, authors, and Children's Books:  
<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com>

\* Tool to help find a book that's just right:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>

\* Summer reading lists and book-inspired activities:  
<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com>

\* Children's reading lists by grade level and topic/genre:  
<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/>

## White Township School

### 2020 Suggested Summer Reading Book List

### Entering Grades 6th—8th



## Entering Grade 6 Fiction

*Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff  
*Artemis Fowl* by Colter  
*Birdwing* by Martin  
*Boy at War* by Mazer  
*Dragon Rider* by Funke  
*Edge Chronicles, The* by Stewart & Ridell.  
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Hunt  
*Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke  
*Last Apprentice, (Series)* by Delaney  
*Magician's Elephant* by DiCamillo  
*Missing May* by Rylant  
*One for the Murphys* by Hunt  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper  
*Ruby Holler* by Creech  
*Runaway Twin* by Kehret  
*Spiderwick Chronicles, The* by .Black & DiTerlizzi  
*Summer Ball, Heat, Game Changer, & Travel Team ~ ALL* by Mike Lupica  
*Swindle* by Korman  
*The Lightning Thief & Red Pyramid* Both by Riordan  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart  
*Throne of Fire, The* by Riordan  
*Waiting for Normal* by Connor  
*When You Reach Me* by Stead  
*Where the Moon Meets the Mountain* by Grace Lin

## Historical Fiction

*Bat 6* by Wolff  
*Countdown* by Willes  
*Heart of Samurai* by Press  
*Roof Toppers* by Rudell  
*The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Philbrick

## Non -Fiction:

*Genius! The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Times* by Kespert  
*Swimming with Sharks* by Lang  
*Untamed* by Silvey  
*The Real Princess Diaries* by Norwich

## Entering Grade 7 Fiction

*East* by Pattou  
*Elephant Run* by Smith  
*Golden Compass, The* by Pullman  
*Hero and the Crown* by McKinley  
*How I Live Now* by Rosoff  
*Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke  
*Percy Jackson & The Olympians, Series* by Riordan  
*Talent* by Dean  
*Touching the Spirit Bear* by Mikaelson  
*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros  
*The Scorch Trials (Maze Runner)* by James Dashner  
*Red Kayak* by Cummings  
*Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams  
*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Bowling  
*Booked* by Kwame Alexander  
*Out of My Mind* by Draper  
*The Lions of Little Rock* by Levine  
*Walker's Crossing* by Naylor  
*Road to Memphis, The* by Taylor

## Historical Fiction/Informational:

*Across Five Aprils* by Hunt  
*Boy Who Dared, The* by Bartoletti  
*Clockwork* by Pullman  
*The Great Chicago Fire, 1871* by Massi  
*Lord of the Nutcracker Men* by Lawrence  
*Summer of My German Soldier* by Green  
*Almost Astronauts* by Stone  
*Ben Franklin's Almanac* by Fleming  
*Good Brother, Bad Brother* by Giblin  
*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer  
*Left for Dead* by Pete Nelson  
*Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat  
*Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick

## Entering Grade 8 Fiction

*Absolutely Normal Chaos* by Creech  
*Close to Famous* by Joan Bauer  
*Crossed* by Ally Condie  
*Evermore* by Noel  
*Forest of Hands & Teeth, The* by Ryan Gossamer by Lowry  
*Heart of a Champion* by Deucker  
*Hobbit, The* by Tolkien  
*Just Listen* by Dessen  
*Looking for Alaska* by Green  
*Lord of the Rings, The* by Tolkien  
*Rules of the Road* by Bauer  
*Soldier Dog* by Angus  
*Summer Ball* by Lupica  
*Taming the Star Runner* by Hinton  
*Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld  
*Year of the Hangman* by Blackwood

## Historical Fiction

*April Morning* by Fast  
*Boy Who Dared, The* by Bartoletti  
*Christy* by Marshall  
*Daniel Half Human* by Chotjewitz  
*Milkweed* by Spinelli  
*The True Adventure of Nicolo Zen* by Christopher  
*We are Witnesses* by Boas  
**Classics:**  
*Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The* by Doyle  
*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Verne  
*Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Twain  
*Call of the Wild* by London  
*Dandelion Wine* by Bradbury  
*Little Women* by Alcott  
*White Fang* by London  
*Robinson Crusoe* by Defoe