

## CCA-CFA Middle School Summer Reading Choices

Our approach to summer reading is designed to help inspire a love for reading.

Students may select a book or books in a genre that interests them from the list below, and/or they may choose a book related to one of the topics they will study next year (see topic list on the back of this page).

**The first week we return to school, students will discuss and write about one of the books they have read.**

Title	Author	Genre
<i>Serafina and the Black Cloak series</i>	Robert Beatty	Fantasy
<i>Eragon series</i>	Christopher Paolini	Fantasy
<i>The Maze Runner series</i>	James Dashner	Science Fiction
<i>Ready Player One</i>	Ernest Cline	Science Fiction
<i>City of Ember series</i>	Jeanne DuPrau	Science Fiction
<i>I Am Number Four series</i>	Pittacus Lore	Science Fiction
<i>The Giver series</i>	Lois Lowry	Science Fiction
<i>The Wednesday Wars</i>	Gary D. Schmidt	Realistic Fiction
<i>Freak the Mighty</i>	Rodman Philbrock	Realistic Fiction
<i>Counting by 7s</i>	Holly Goldberg Sloan	Realistic Fiction
<i>Out of My Mind</i>	Sharon M. Draper	Realistic Fiction
<i>Missing May</i>	Cynthia Rylant	Realistic Fiction
<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	Ben Mikaelson	Realistic Fiction
<i>The Seventh Most Important Thing</i>	Shelley Pearsall	Realistic Fiction
<i>White Fang</i>	Jack London	Adventure
<i>Rule of 3</i>	Eric Walters	Adventure
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lois Lowry	Historical Fiction
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Marcus Zusak	Historical Fiction
<i>Chains</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	Historical Fiction
<i>The Boy in Striped Pajamas</i>	John Boyne	Historical Fiction
<i>I Am Malala</i>	Malala Yousafzai	Nonfiction
<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	Anne Frank	Nonfiction
<i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science</i>	John Fleischman	Nonfiction

Alternately, students may choose ANY book(s) written by the following authors:

Kwame Alexander  
Sharon Creech  
Sharon Draper  
Alan Gratz  
Mary Downing Hahn  
Jason Reynolds  
Roland Smith  
Jerry Spinelli  
Mildred Taylor  
Angie Thomas

Additionally, we encourage students to read nonfiction books about the history and science topics they will be learning next year. Please see topics below:

**6th grade:**

Ancient Greece  
Ancient Rome  
World Religions  
Enlightenment  
French Revolution  
Romanticism  
Latin America  
Immigration  
Industrialization  
Forces and Motion  
Matter  
Energy  
Ecosystems  
Living Organisms

**7th grade:**

Russian Revolution  
World War I  
The 1920s  
The Great  
Depression  
World War II  
Earth Systems  
Genetics  
Weather  
Energy  
Forces & Motions  
Cells  
Life Cycles

**8th grade:**

The Constitution  
Canada  
Mexico  
European Colonialism  
Cold War  
Civil Rights  
Vietnam War  
The Middle East  
Evolution  
Oceans and Water  
Ecology  
Microbiology  
Chemistry  
Energy