

## Summer Reading Suggested List Grade 8 going into Grade 9



1	<i>Down the Rabbit Hole</i> By Peter Abrahams	<i>Ingrid lands the starring role in Alice in Wonderland while becoming caught up in the murder investigation of an eccentric neighbor. The first book in the series, <b>An Echo Falls Mystery</b>.</i>
2	<i>Little Women</i> Louisa M. Alcott	<i>The March family endures trials and tribulations while their father is involved in the Civil War. (F)</i>
3	<i>Artemis Fowl</i> By Eoin Colfer	<i>Twelve-year-old Artemis is a millionaire, a genius- and above all, a criminal mastermind. But Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of the bedtime stories-they're dangerous!</i>
4	<i>The One and Only Ivan</i> By Katherine Applegate	<i>Spectators come to see Ivan, a silverback gorilla, and other animals housed behind the glass walls in the Big Top Mall. He is content until Ruby, a baby elephant from Africa, joins the group. Ivan is now determined to find her a way out of this caged existence. This is loosely based on a true story.</i>
5	<i>The Land of Stories : The Wishing Spell</i> (or any of the sequels) By Chris Colfer	<i>Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change, in this fast-paced adventure that uniquely combines our modern day world with the enchanting realm of classic fairy tales. The Land of Stories tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought</i>

6	<p><i>Powerless</i> By Matthew Cody</p>	<p><i>Moving to a new town, Daniel knows he'll find super friends – but he never imagines he'll have friends with super powers! Being around kids who can fly and become invisible, Daniel feels powerless, until one day when he learns that his friends mysteriously lose their powers when they turn thirteen. Racing against the calendar, Daniel realizes that if he can find a way to help his friends, he may be able to be the town's super hero after all!</i></p>
7	<p><i>Red Kayak</i> By Priscilla Cummings</p>	<p><i>Brady knows that his friends are responsible for a mean prank that results in an accidental tragedy. Plagued by this guilty secret, Brady struggles with the truth and its consequences.</i></p>
8	<p><i>The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet</i> Erin Dionne</p>	<p><i>Hamlet Kennedy's eighth grade year is plagued by many things including: a genius seven-year-old sister who will attend Hamlet's middle school this year, geeky Shakespeare scholar parents, and now, a Shakespeare project for school.</i></p>
9	<p><i>Stormbreaker</i> By Anthony Horowitz</p>	<p><i>After the death of his uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, M16. This is the first book in the <b>Alex Rider</b> spy thriller series.</i></p>
10	<p><i>Ungifted</i> By Gordon Korman</p>	<p><i>Donovan Curtis, legendary jokester and average eighth grade student, knows he has gone too far when his latest prank causes thousands of dollars worth of damage to the school gym. When an unexpected turn of events accidentally sends Donovan to the "gifted" school, he knows he's in way over his head. Told through various points of view, both Donovan and his new genius friends begin to realize that despite their differences, they still have things to learn from one another.</i></p>
11	<p><i>The Prisoner of Zenda</i> By Anthony Hope</p>	<p><i>On a jaunt to the small European nation of Ruritania, an English gentleman discovers that he bears more than a passing resemblance to the King. Through a series of intrigues and adventures, he finds himself impersonating the king to defend him from a treacherous plot...and falling in love with the king's love, Princess Flavia.</i></p>

12	<p><i>Wonder</i> By R.J. Palacio</p>	<p><i>Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life, in an attempt to protect him from the cruelty of the outside world. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all? Narrated by Auggie and the people around him whose lives he touches forever, <u>Wonder</u> is a funny, frank, astonishingly moving debut to read in one sitting, pass on to others, and remember long after the final page.</i></p>
13	<p><i>Anne of Green Gables</i> By L.M. Montgomery</p>	<p><i>Everyone's favorite redhead, the spunky Anne Shirley, begins her adventures at Green Gables, a farm outside Avonlea, Prince Edward Island. When the freckled girl realizes that the elderly Cuthberts wanted to adopt a boy instead, she begins to try to win them and, consequently, the reader, over.</i></p>
14	<p><i>The Lightning Thief</i> By Rick Riordan</p>	<p><i>Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. And lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse—Percy could have sworn his pre-algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him. When Percy's mom finds out, she knows it's time that he knew the truth about where he came from, and that he go to the one place he'll be safe. She sends Percy to Camp Half Blood, a summer camp for demigods (on Long Island), where he learns that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea. Soon a mystery unfolds and together with his friends—one a satyr and the other the demigod daughter of Athena—Percy sets out on a quest across the United States to reach the gates of the Underworld (located in a recording studio in Hollywood) and prevent a catastrophic war between the gods.</i></p>
15	<p><i>Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</i> By Robert C. O'Brien</p>	<p><i>Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma.</i></p>





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