

Middle School--Summer Reading Assignments

For ALL current 7th graders entering 8th grade next school year:

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

[The House of the Scorpion-PDF](#)

[Audio Reading of The House of the Scorpion](#)

1. Please click on the link above and download the novel using Kami. This will bring up highlighting and annotating tools to use as you read the novel. There is also a link to a Youtube chapter by chapter audio reading of the novel. Note: It is advised that you utilize the text unless you have needs that dictate using the audio version.
2. I would suggest that you keep a journal (on paper or on a Google Doc) which keeps track of the various characters and their qualities.
3. In addition, I would suggest taking bulleted chapter by chapter notes which you will use when you return for the assessment and a number of projects within the first nine weeks.
4. We will do an initial project on themes within the novel. In your journal, write down possible themes as you read.
5. There will be a test on the novel within the first week of returning to school. You may use any notes that you take in your journal to complete this test. In addition, there will be several projects during the first nine weeks. **THIS BOOK IS REQUIRED READING FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE 8th GRADE. If you do not complete the reading over the summer it will place you in a very difficult position for the first nine weeks. This reading is given to make sure everyone starts the school year on a positive note.**

For ALL current 6th graders entering 7th grade next school year:

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

[Among the Hidden -PDF](#)

[Audio Reading of Among the Hidden](#)

1. Please click on the PDF link above to access the novel. There is also a link to a Youtube chapter by chapter audio reading of the novel. Please note that there are 12 parts to the audio version on Youtube.

2. As you read, it is suggested you utilize a Google Doc. to take notes on each chapter of the novel. Keep track of characters from the novel and their character traits. Keeping track of important events and conflicts is also suggested.
3. There will be a comprehension test based on the novel, as well as a detailed essay to complete, incorporating evidence from the text.
4. Some of the assignments/tests within the first 9 weeks of school are centered around this novel, Among the Hidden. It is important that you read the whole novel.
5. Also, keep track of any questions you may have pertaining to the novel. We can discuss these questions at the start of the school year.

For ALL current 5th graders entering 6th grade next school year:

[Wonder-PDF](#)

[Audio Reading of Wonder](#)

1. Click on the PDF link above to open the text. There is also a link to a full YouTube audio version of the text for those who need it. It is highly suggested that you also follow along in the print version of the text if you utilize the audio.
2. It is suggested that you keep a small notebook near you as you read. This will allow you to take notes on important elements such as plot, characters, and conflicts. These notes will be helpful to you during our initial class discussions and assignments.
3. Complete the Character Chart that is posted in your fifth grade Google Classroom and have it ready to submit when you return to school. The character chart will be due within the first week after you return.
4. OPTIONAL Extension Activity: For those seeking a challenge, there is an optional writing extension posted in Classroom.
5. There will be a comprehension quiz within the first week of school. It is important that you do all of the reading to ensure your success on this quiz. DO NOT rely on the movie version of the text. You can not pass the quiz by simply watching the movie.
6. Many of our first assignments will be based on the novel. It will be difficult for you to start the year strong if you are not prepared to discuss the novel and complete these assignments.