



## ST. RICHARD'S SUMMER READING LIST 2023

Dear Families,

Students in Grades 5-8 are required to read two books and are encouraged to read as much as possible this summer to keep their comprehension skills sharp. We will be hosting a summer reading book fair during the week of May 8 in the Main Lobby. This year's summer reading list includes an all-Middle Division read, Amina Luqman-Dawson's *Freewater*, which won the 2023 Newbery Medal. A set of discussion questions will go home during the last week of school. Our vision is that all students, teachers, and families read the same book over the summer, building a sense of school community and creating opportunities for peer and inter-generational discussion. Other assignments related to summer reading will come from classroom teachers once students return in August.

### **Middle Division Required Reading (Grades 5-8)**

#### **Rising Grade 5**

##### **Required:**

*Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

#### **Rising Grade 6**

##### **Required:**

*Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson

*Two Degrees* by Alan Gratz

#### **Rising Grade 7**

##### **Required:**

*Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson

*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

#### **Rising Grade 8**

##### **Required**

*Freewater* by Amina Luqman- Dawson

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

Additional titles students can read over the summer (recommended though not required):

**Rising Grade 5:**

*Clem Hetherington and The Ironwood Race* by Jen Breach  
*The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*The City of Ember* by Jean DuPrau  
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
*When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller  
*Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia  
*Patina, Sunny, and Lu* (Track Series, continuation of *Ghost*) by Jason Reynolds  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Rising Above: Inspiring Women in Sports* by Gregory Zuckerman  
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio  
*The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon

**Rising Grade 6:**

*Enchanted Air* by Margarita Engle  
*Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper  
*A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramee  
*Uglies* by Scott Westerfield  
*Susanna's Midnight Ride* by Libby Carty McNamee  
*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein  
*Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga  
*Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston

**Rising Grade 7:**

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexi  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* by Mark Haddon  
*Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Huston  
*The Chosen* by Chaim Potok  
*Boy 21* by Matthew Quick  
*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Maze Runner* by James Dashner  
*American Born Chinese* by Gene Yuen Yang  
*The Skin I'm In* by Sharon Flake

**Rising Grade 8:**

*Unbroken* (Young Adult Adaptation) by Laura Hillenbrand  
*Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe  
*Code Talkers* by Joseph Bruchac  
*March* trilogy by John Lewis (graphic novel)  
*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo  
*The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie Dimaline  
*The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas