



OAK MOUNTAIN

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Oak Mountain Academy provides a challenging college-preparatory education in a safe family environment. The school nurtures the ethical, spiritual, and physical development of students as they become confident leaders inspired to serve.

2024-2025 Middle School Reading Lists

Rising 6th Grade:

Welcome to middle school! There will be many changes in middle school; one immediate change will be the way in which you engage with literature and writing. You will find below the required summer reading assignments. These assignments are intended to help prepare you for the upcoming school year. You must complete all assignments and have them ready to turn in on the first day of school. We will be discussing the assignments during the first weeks of school.

Directions: Read the “Required Reading” selection, and choose one of the “Your Choice” books. Do not choose a book you have already read. Write two, one-page summaries of the two books (one summary per book) that you read from this summer reading list.

Required Reading:

- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor ISBN-10: 0142401129

Your Choice:

- *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll
- *Call of The Wild*, Jack London
- *Hoot*, Carl Hiassen
- *Walk Two Moons*, Sharon Creech
- *Number the Stars*, Lois Lowry

- *Where the Red Fern Grows*, Wilson Rawls
 - *A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeleine L'Engle
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Rising 7th Grade:

This summer, you will read two books to help prepare you for your seventh-grade year. Below you will find the required summer reading assignments. You must complete the reading and the reading assignments and have them ready to turn in on the first day of school. Be sure to present your best work! Directions: Read the “Required Reading” selection and choose one of the “Your Choice” books. Do not choose a text you have already read.

- Write a one-page essay on your favorite book from either the Required Reading section or the Your Choice section. You should explain why you enjoyed the book. When composing your essay, consider the following: setting, characters, and plot details.

Required Reading:

- *Hatchet*, Gary Paulsen ISBN-10: 1416936475

Your Choice:

- *Chasing Redbird*, Sharon Creech
 - *Scat*, Carl Hiassen
 - *Call of the Wild*, Jack London
 - *Watership Down*, Richard Adams
 - *Brian's Winter*, Gary Paulsen
 - *The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin
 - *Esperanza Rising*, Pam Munoz Ryan
 - *Treasure Island*, Robert Louis Stevenson
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Rising 8th Grade:

You've made it to your final summer reading assignment for middle school! Below you will find the required summer reading assignments. These assignments are intended to help prepare you for the upcoming school year. You must complete all assignments and have them ready to turn in on the first day of school. We will be discussing the assignments during the first weeks of school. Please be sure to present your best work!

Directions: Read the "Required Reading" selection, and choose **one** of the "Your Choice" books. Do not choose a text you have already read.

- Write a one-page summary of *The Hunger Games*
- Write a one-page essay on your favorite book from either the Required Reading section or the Your Choice section. Be sure to explain why you enjoyed the book, considering the following: setting, characters, and plot details.

Required Reading:

- *The Hunger Games* **ISBN-10 : 0439023483 ISBN-13 : 978-0439023481**

Your Choice:

- *Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott
- *Rescue Josh McGuire*, Ben Mikaelson
- *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley
- *A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens
- *I Am Mordred*, Nancy Springer
- *Benito Cerino*, Herman Melville