

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.

2025-2026 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.** Handwrite a one-page summary of the **Required Reading Text.**

Required Reading:

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

Your Choice:

- We're Not From Here, Geoff Rodkey
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon, Kelly Barnhill
- Hoot, Carl Hiassen
- Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech
- Number the Stars, Lois Lowry
- The Mysterious Benedict Society, Trenton Lee Stewart
- A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle

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.

• Directions: Read the "Required Reading" selection, and choose one of the "Your

Choice" books. **Do not choose a book you have already read.** Handwrite a one-page summary of the **Required Reading Text.**

Required Reading:

• The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton ISBN-10: 014240733X ISBN-13 : 978-0142407332

Your Choice:

- The Blackbird Girls, Anne Blankman
- Scat, Carl Hiassen
- Kira-Kira, Cynthia Kadohata
- Watership Down, Richard Adams
- Brian's Winter, Gary Paulsen
- The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin
- Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Refugee*, Alan Gratz

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

• Directions: Read the "Required Reading" selection, and choose one of the "Your

Choice" books. **Do not choose a book you have already read.** Handwrite a one-page summary of the **Required Reading Text.**

Required Reading:

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

Your Choice:

- *Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott
- Rescue Josh McGuire, Ben Mikaelsen
- The House on Mango Street, Sandra Cisneros
- A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park
- I Am Mordred, Nancy Springer
- Trash, Andy Mulligan
- The Robots of Dawn, Isaac Asimov