



PROVIDENCE SCHOOL

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2025 MIDDLE SCHOOL REQUIRED SUMMER READING

ENTERING 6th-8th GRADE

Summer novel assignments afford an excellent opportunity to sharpen reading skills during non-academic time and to foster an enjoyment of reading in students. Upon returning to school in August, a test will be administered with the goal of holding students accountable for this assigned work.

Students should view summer reading as independent; they should not expect an extensive review of the assigned text once they return to school but should feel free to email their teacher should they have any questions about the book.

Suggestions for reading and comprehending successfully:

Annotate: Make notes in the text as you read. Highlight significant quotations. Ask questions in the margins of the book.

Note taking: Record characters, events, plot lines, and details from each chapter.

Use the audio book: Many students find success reading along while they listen to the book being read aloud. Many audio books can be found online for free.

Create the environment: Do not read while you are distracted or in a noisy environment; do not try to multitask while reading.

Areas to focus on for the test:

Characters: Be able to match characters with their descriptions or characters with quotations.

Themes: Be prepared to express larger themes of the book in writing.

Plot: Know details, even those that may seem insignificant, that show you've read the book carefully.

Please look at the chart of the next page to determine which book to read for your course.

REQUIRED BOOKS: Please read the book for your next course level by the first day of school, Wednesday, August 6, 2025. The books are available online or at your local retailer.

Course	Teacher	Book	ISBN
6 th Grade English Honors	mhinkle@prov.org rholcomb@prov.org	<i>The Bronze Bow</i> by Elizabeth Spear	9780395137192
6 th Grade English CP	rholcomb@prov.org	<i>My Life in Dog Years</i> by Gary Paulsen	9780440414711
7 th Grade English Honors & CP	aolsen@prov.org mkuchta@prov.org	<i>The False Prince</i> by Jennifer A. Nielson	9780545284141
8 th Grade English Honors & CP	rholcomb@prov.org mkuchta@prov.org	<i>The Traveler's Gift</i> by Andy Andrews	978078527322-6