

## **ESMS Summer Reading 2026 for Incoming 6th, 7th and 8th Grade**

Dear Middle School Students and Parents,

Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>-, 7<sup>th</sup>-, and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students may ***choose*** the books they will read during the summer. **Students are required to read one fiction book and one nonfiction book.** The English teachers at ESMS believe that students will become lifelong readers if given more choices. Our school's mission is to "*empower lifelong learners to create a better world.*" This is one way to help students fulfill that purpose. **Now might be the time to get a library card if you need one.**

Once the school year begins, students will engage in a writing assignment. They will be expected to use examples from fiction and nonfiction books (s) they read over the summer. ESMS English teachers strongly encourage students to take notes as they read, as they will be permitted in class.

If you want reading suggestions, please view the suggestions for each grade level below. These are simply suggestions and not required titles. As always, we encourage parents/guardians to take part in this decision to select books that best fit their child's needs.

Thank you,

ESMS English Teachers

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Many titles are available as eBooks for FREE through [Overdrive](#), [ESPL](#), and [Epic Books](#). The following are additional suggestions by grade level.

### **6th Grade Reading Suggestions:**

*(Avoid Gabe & Izzy, as it will be taught during the school year. Please do NOT choose a book that is a movie, TV show, or cartoon.)*

- **Book Riot:** [50 Must-Read Books for 6th Graders](#)
- **Imagination Soup:** [6th Grade Summer Reading Lists by Genre](#)
- **Scholastic:** [6th Grade Books](#)
- [Previous 6th Grade ESMS Reading List](#)

### **7th Grade Reading Suggestions:**

*(Avoid The Giver by Lois Lowry & Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman. Please do NOT choose a book that is a movie, TV show, or cartoon.)*

- [Previous 7th Grade ESMS Reading List](#)

### **8th Grade Reading Suggestions:**

*(Avoid The Outsiders & Diary of Anne Frank as they will be taught during the school year. Please do NOT choose a book that is a movie, TV show, or cartoon.)*

- **Scholastic:** [8th Grade Books](#)
- [Previous 8th Grade ESMS Reading List](#)
- **Book Riot:** [25 Captivating Books for 8th Graders](#)
- [8th Grade Reading Books for Children ages 13-14](#)