

Summer Reading By Grade/Title

**Fifth and Sixth Grades**  
**2018 Summer Reading Requirements**  
**Choose 2**

*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*  
Jacqueline Kelly  
830L

*Fish in a Tree*  
Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
550L

*Inside Out and Back Again*  
Thanhha Lai  
800L

*Out of My Mind*  
Sharon Draper  
700L

*My Side of the Mountain*  
Jean Craighead George  
810L

*Auggie & Me: Three Wonder Stories*  
RJ Palacio  
680L  
(*Wonder* is suggested before reading this book)

*The Phantom Tollbooth*  
Norton Juster  
1000L

*Pax*  
Sara Pennypacker  
760L

*Sticks & Stones*

Abby Cooper

750L

*Rules*

Cynthia Lord

670L

*Ms. Bixby's Last Day*

John David Anderson

800L

*Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story*

Nora Raleigh Baskin

730L

*Tuck Everlasting*

Natalie Babbitt

770L

*Where the Red Fern Grows*

Wilson Rawls

700L

**Seventh Grade:**

Required reading:

*Flying Lessons and Other Short Stories* edited by Ellen Oh

Book of choice list:

Classics that Mrs. McDaniel loves:

1. *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
2. *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
3. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
4. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
5. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson
6. *The Watsons go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Modern YA books:

7. *Holes* by Lois Sachar
8. *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt
9. *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
10. *Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac
11. *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness

**Eighth Grade:**

Required reading:

*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

Book of choice list:

Classics that Mrs. McDaniel loves:

1. *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
2. *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
3. *Jackaroo* by Cynthia Voigt
4. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

Modern YA books:

5. *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
6. *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
7. *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson
8. *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman
9. *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing up Iranian in America* by Firoozeh Dumas
10. *The Dark Endeavor* by Kenneth Oppel

**Ninth Grade College Preparatory/Honors:**

*House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros (ISBN 978-0679734772)

**Tenth Grade College Preparatory/Honors:**

*Brother, I'm Dying* by Edwidge Danticat

**British Literature (Eleventh and Twelfth Grade College Preparatory/Honors):**

*The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

**AP Language**

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Documentary (choose one)

- *Bowling for Columbine* (2002)
- *Murderball* (2005)
- *Man on Wire* (2008)
- *Food Inc.* (2008)
- *How to Survive a Plague* (2012)
- *Amy* (2015)
- *13th* (2016)

**AP Literature:**

1. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë (ISBN-10: 0141439556I)
2. *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

**Upper School Recommended Books**

Please note: The Gaston Day School English department does not censor reading material. Some of the books may contain mature themes but have been chosen based on literary merit. Because additional reading is not required, parents are encouraged to consider their child's maturity and reading level when selecting books of choice.

1. *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway
2. *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
3. *Moby-Dick* by Herman Melville
4. *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner
5. *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton
6. *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* by Edward Albee
7. *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
8. *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison
9. *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
10. *The 9/11 Report: A Graphic Adaptation* by Sid Jacobson and Ernie Colón
1. *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier
2. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
3. *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen
4. *The Heart of the Matter* by Graham Greene
5. *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
6. *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett
7. *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare
8. *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
9. *Flatland* by Edwin Abbott Abbott
10. *Watership Down* by Richard Adams
11. *Kindred* by Octavia Butler
12. *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff
13. *The Penelopiad* by Margaret Atwood

14. *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers
15. *Black Boy* by Richard Wright
16. *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving
17. *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
18. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
19. *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeanette Walls
20. *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
21. *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque
22. *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
23. *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
24. *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara
25. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini
26. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
27. *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver
28. *In The Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez
29. *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines
30. *My Losing Season: A Memoir* by Pat Conroy
31. *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy
32. *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
33. *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson
34. *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
35. *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
36. *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
37. *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead