

2023 Summer Book List

Grades 6-8



We hope that you have a wonderful summer filled with reading great books. Today you received your summer reading book. Every SPS student in your grade will be reading the same one. **What fun it will be to talk about your book with others this August!**

This summer, read your assigned text for about 20 minutes per session, several times a week. Parents can read aloud to your child, invite your child to read to you, or read together. Audiobooks are available at Learning Ally access through Clever. When you finish your assigned book, choose books from the lists located on the back of this flier.

You will need to read a minimum of two books of your choosing Complete the activity below and return to your Language Arts teacher in the Fall. Pick any three (3) activities from the boxes below for each book. Choose one from each separate column! You will choose one from column "A", one from column "B", and one from column "C". Write or type your answers neatly. Your answers must be supported with details and specifics from the book. Make sure you identify your choices (Example: B. Character Profile) Make sure you include the title and author of the book.

Personal Connections	Character Analysis	Story/Plot/Theme/Lesson
<p>A. Self, World, Text</p> <p>In your own words: Connect this book with your own life, the world or another book you have read.</p> <p>(Explain your connection in at least two paragraphs. Use specific details from the book.)</p>	<p>B. Character Profile</p> <p>In your own words: Write a profile of a main character. Talk about this character's personality traits.</p> <p>Write how you are similar to this character or how you would like to be more like this character.</p> <p>Your response must have two (2) paragraphs - one paragraph for each point. Make sure you use specific information and details to support the answer.</p>	<p>C. Plot OR Theme</p> <p>Write a one-page plot summary of the book. Describe the exposition, the main conflicts of the story, the point of climax, and the resolution.</p> <p>- All must be supported with details from the book.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Write a one-page explanation of the theme/lesson of the book. Make sure you use specific details from the story to support your thoughts.</p>
<p>A. Quotes, Passages, Events</p> <p>In your own words: Think about what you have read; decisions that were made in the book; words that were said, or events that happened.</p> <p>Pick one of these and explain in a detailed paragraph(s) as to why it was important to the book and how it relates to your life.</p>	<p>B. Compare Characters</p> <p>Compare two of the characters in the book. Compare their personalities, backgrounds, decisions, etc.) Use specifics from the book.</p> <p>Your response must be three (3) paragraphs - one paragraph for each character description and one paragraph to compare the characters.</p>	<p>C. Imagine....</p> <p>Pick one major event from the book. Retell the event as if it happened in a different setting, time period, or from the point-of-view of another character</p> <p>(Must have two well-written paragraphs with specifics from the book)</p>

<p>A. Vocabulary and Me</p> <p>Select at least 15 descriptive or new words from the book. Write a story about yourself using these words. (Underline words)</p>	<p>B. Visual/Verbal</p> <p>Draw a picture of a character and write a rhyming poem or song about a character. Use specifics from the book – (for art work—no stick figures, size no bigger than 8 ½ x 11)</p>	<p>C. Visual</p> <p>Retell the story as a graphic novel. Use at least three (3) of the most important scenes in the book to tell the story.</p> <p>Make sure you write a caption for each scene.</p>
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Discuss your questions and reactions to the book. Consider making notes on a piece of paper as you are reading or sharing your thoughts with a picture, bookmark, flip-book, padlet, Tik-Tok, Flipgrid. Share these creations with someone. Have fun reading across Southfield in parks, at the Southfield Public Library, or even at the Southfield Pavilion. In August, bring your book to school and be prepared to discuss this with your school community.

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Enjoy the summer and read lots of books!

Summer Reading Together

This summer, all 6th graders will read

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

7th graders will read

March by John Lewis

8th graders will read

Science of Breakable Things by Tae Kelle

Fiction

Amina's Voice..... Khan
Ancestor Approved..... ed. by Smith
The Best At It..... Pancholy
Black Boy Joy..... ed. by Mbalia
As Brave As You..... Reynolds
The Chance to Fly..... Stoker
Click'd..... Stone
Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora..... Cartaya
Fast Pitch..... Stone
Finding Junie Kim..... Oh
From the Desk of Zoe Washington..... Marks
Genesis Begins Again..... Williams
I Can Make This Promise..... Day
King and the Dragonflies..... Callender
The Last Last-Day-of-Summer..... Giles
Lupe Wong Won't Dance..... Higuera
Maizy Chen's Last Chance..... Yee
The Many Meanings of Meilan..... Wang
The Only Black Girls in Town..... Colbert
Operation Sisterhood..... Rhuday-Perkovich
Other Words for Home..... Warga
Playing the Cards You're Dealt..... Johnson
The Season of Styx Malone..... Magoon
Stand Up, Yumi Chung..... Kim
Starfish..... Fipps
Take Back the Block..... Giles
Thanks A Lot, Universe..... Lucas
Too Bright to See..... Lukoff
Yusuf Azeem Is Not A Hero..... Faruqi

Science Fiction & Fantasy

Amari and the Night Brothers..... Allston
Amira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds..... Ahmed
The Insiders..... Oshiro
The Last Cientista..... Higuera
Paola Santiago and the River of Tears..... Mejia
The Serpent's Secret..... DasGupta
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky (series)..... Mbalia
Mystery
City Spies (series)..... Ponti
Goldie Vance: The Hotel Whodunit..... Rivera
The Parker Inheritance..... Johnson
Pepper's Rules for Secret Sleuthing..... McDonald
A Soft Place to Land..... Marks

Legends, Myths, and Poetry

Across the Rainbow Bridge
Stories of Norse Gods and Humans..... Crossley-Holland
Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States..... ed. by Carlson
Dictionary for a Better World
Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes..... Latham & Waters
Dreams From Many Rivers: A Hispanic History of the United States Told in Poems..... Engle
Legacy: Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance..... Grimes
Perry Jackson's Greek Heroes..... Riordan
The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas..... Garcia Esperón
We Rise. We Resist. We Raise Our Voices... Hudson & Hudson
Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice..... Browne

Informational Books

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team..... Soontornvat
Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickels, America's First Black Paratroopers..... Stone
Destination Moon: The Remarkable and Improbable Voyage of Apollo 11..... Maurer
Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown..... Sheinkin
How to Change Everything (the Young Humans' Guide) Klein
Science Comics series..... various authors
Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below in the Chilean Desert..... Aronson
Women Artists A to Z..... Labarge

Historical Fiction

The Blackbird Girls..... Blankman
Echo..... Ryan
Echo Mountain..... Wolk
It Ain't So Awful, Falafel..... Dumas
Lifeboat 12..... Hood
Mighty Inside..... Frazier
The Night Diary..... Hiranandani
Northwind..... Paulsen
Red, White, and Whole..... LaRocca
Show Me a Sign..... LeZotte
Spy Runner..... Yelchin
Talking Leaves..... Bruchac
The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA..... Woods
We Dream of Space..... Kelly
Graphic Novels
Borders..... King
The Legend of Auntie Po..... Yin Khor
Measuring Up..... LaMotte
Miles Morales Shock Waves..... Reynolds
New Kid and Class Act..... Craft
Rabbit Chase..... LaPensee
Swim Team..... Christmas

Biography & Autobiography

African Icons: Ten People Who Shaped History..... Baptiste
Bee Fearless: Dream Like A Kid..... Ulmer
Brave. Black. First: 50+ African American Women Who Changed the World..... Hudson
Defiant: Growing Up in the Jim Crow South..... Hudson
Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina (Young Reader's Edition)..... Copeland
March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine..... Beals
Maya Lin: Thinking with Her Hands..... Rubin
Nuestra América: 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos..... Vourvoulias
Ordinary Hazards..... Grimes
Reach for the Skai: How to Inspire, Empower, and Clapback..... Jackson
Someone Like Me: How One Undocumented Girl Fought for her American Dream..... Arce
Speak Up, Speak Out: The Extraordinary Life of "Fighting Shirley Chisholm"..... Bolden
This Promise of Change..... Boyce