

# Sawgrass Springs Middle School

## Summer Reading List



The benefits of summer reading have been well documented, from preventing that “summer slide” and improving basic reading comprehension, to developing and growing life-long readers. Continued reading during the summer months is imperative to developing and maintaining reading skills that are absolutely essential for a successful student. The Sawgrass Springs Literacy Department (language arts and reading teachers, media specialist and literacy coach) has chosen some exciting books recommended for summer reading. Below you will find a list of suggested titles and authors for each grade level. Enjoy!

### Grade 6

*Skink – No Surrender* by Carl Hiaasan  
*Counting by 7's* by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
*Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor  
*Schooled* by Gordon Korman  
*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls  
*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine  
*The Underneath* by Kathi Appelt  
*Booked* by Kwame Alexander  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell  
*The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli  
*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Alex Rider: Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz

### Grade 7

*The Sea Wolf* by Jack London  
*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine  
*Paper Boy* by Vince Vawter  
*Dragon's Gate* by Laurence Yep  
*Crossover* by Kwame Alexander  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith  
*Main Street* by Sinclair Lewis  
*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London  
*Hoops* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Travel Team* by Mike Lupica

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Saint George and the Dragon* by Margaret Hodges  
*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane  
*Nothing But the Truth* by Avi  
*Scar Island* by Dan Gemeinhart  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
*Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen  
*The Third Eye* by Lois Lowry  
*The Cay* by Theodore Taylor  
*Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life* by James Patterson

### Grade 8

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak  
*Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green

*Bread Givers* by Anzia Yezierska  
*Abe Lincoln Grows Up* by Carl Sandburg

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury  
*The Underdogs* by Mike Lupica  
*Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O'Dell  
*Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift  
*Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*  
by Sherman Alexie

*Scythe* (*Arc of a Scythe* series) by Neal Shusterman  
*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld  
*Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie  
*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse  
*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko  
*Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Verne  
*The Pact – Three Young Men Make a Promise and  
Fulfill a Dream* by Lisa Frazier

## Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2020-2021 List for Grades 6-8

*New Kid* by Jerry Craft  
*Scouts* by Shannon Greenland  
*Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood  
*Deep Water* by Watt Key  
*Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel  
*We're Not From Here* by Geoff Rodkey  
*Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows* by Ryan Calejo  
*Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya  
*The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart

*Spark* by Sarah Beth Durst  
*Game Changer* by Tommy Greenwald  
*Song For a Whale* by Lynne Kelly  
*Float* by Laura Martin  
*City Spies* by James Ponti  
*The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman

