



8th Grade Book Challenge

Are you up to a challenge?

As you enter eighth grade, we challenge you to share our love of reading and enjoyment of these excellent titles!

Start your journey through the pages of these classic stories! Titles include a dash of fantasy, some realistic fiction, and a fairy tale or two. There's comedy and humor, action and adventure, and mystery and suspense. The list contains a few authors you know and love, and a new one or two. This challenge will take you on adventures to distant lands with interesting settings as you become friends with amazing characters while enjoying the twists and turns of exciting plots. Some of the books are required, some you will read in class, and others are just for pleasure. We invite you to come and enjoy some great books!!

The challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to read 35 of the selected titles *while attending Saint Bridget Middle School!*

Once you have finished the book, take the AR quiz (remember, you need to score at least 80% on the quiz).

Complete the reading challenge and earn a "Reader's Medal!"

Required Summer Read for 8th Grade:

The City of Ember

by DuPrau

Pleasure Book Titles: *You may read these in any order!*

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| Watership Down —Adams | The Phantom Tollbooth —Juster |
| The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy —Adams | From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler —Konigsburg |
| The Wolves of Willoughby Chase —Aiken | Swindle —Korman |
| Strange Case of Origami Yoda —Angleberger | Rabbit Hill —Lawson |
| The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle —Avi | No More Dead Dogs —Korman |
| Tuck Everlasting —Babbitt | A Wrinkle in Time —L'Engle |
| The Indian in the Cupboard —Banks | The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, <i>Unabridged</i> —Lewis |
| The Wonderful Wizard of Oz —Baum | White Fang —London |
| Fahrenheit 451 —Bradbury | Rules —Lord |
| The Little House —Burton | Number the Stars —Lowry |
| Alice in Wonderland —Carroll | Anne of Green Gables —Montgomery |
| Ella Enchanted —Carson | Shiloh —Naylor |
| The Chocolate Touch —Catling | The Borrowers —Norton |
| Frindle —Clements | Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM —O'Brien |
| Artemis Fowl —Colfer | The Great Gilly Hopkins —Paterson |
| Gregor the Overlander —Collins | Bridge to Terabithia —Paterson |
| The Dark is Rising —Cooper | A Year Down Yonder —Peck |
| Red Badge of Courage —Crane | The Westing Game —Raskin |
| Walk Two Moons —Creech | Where the Red Fern Grows —Rawls |
| Bud, Not Buddy —Curtis | The Summer of the Monkeys —Rawls |
| James and the Giant Peach —Dahl | The Lightning Thief —Riordan |
| The BFG —Dahl | Holes —Sachar |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory —Dahl | Sideways Stories from Wayside School —Sachar |
| Matilda —Dahl | The Little Prince —Saint-Exupery |
| The Lemonade War —Davies | Okay for Now —Schmidt |
| Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures —DiCamillo | The Cricket in Times Square —Selden |
| Tale of Despereaux —DiCamillo | The Invention of Hugo Cabret —Selznick |
| The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane —DiCamillo | Where the Sidewalk Ends —Silverstein |
| Out of My Mind —Draper | Peak —Smith |
| The Hundred Dresses —Estes | After Ever After —Sonnenblick |
| Harriet the Spy —Fitzhugh | Stargirl —Spinelli |
| The Whipping Boy —Fleischman | Loser —Spinelli |
| The Diary of a Young Girl —Frank | Freedom Train —Sterling |
| Corduroy —Freeman | Mysterious Benedict Society —Stewart & Ellis |
| My Side of the Mountain —George | Chasing Lincoln's Killer —Swanson |
| The Princess Bride —Goldman | Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry —Taylor |
| Bleachers —Grisham | The Cay —Taylor |
| Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer —Grisham | The Hobbit —Tolkien |
| Among the Hidden —Haddix | Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day —Viorst |
| Dexter the Tough —Haddix | One Crazy Summer —Williams-Garcia |
| Misty of Chincoteague —Henry | The Book Thief —Zusak |
| Into the Wild, <i>Warriors #1</i> —Hunter | |

Classroom Reads

(these titles will be read in class)

- The Giver**—Lowry
Nothing But the Truth—Avi
To Kill a Mockingbird—Lee

