



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

Classroom Reads

(these titles will be read in class)

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

