



United Independent School District

Recommended Summer Reading List

Middle School

Incoming 6th Graders

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Wish Giver by Bill Britain

7th Graders

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Hoot by Carl Hiassen
Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
Star Girl by Jerry Spinelli
Stranger With My Face by Lois Duncan
The Cay by Theodore Taylor

8th Graders

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett
Define Normal by Julie Anne Peters
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
That was Then, This is Now – S. E. Hinton
The Outsiders – S.E. Hinton

High School

Incoming 9th Graders

1984 by George Orwell
Flowers of Algernon by Daniel Keyes
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Pearl by John Steinbeck

10th Graders

Bless Me Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya
Death Be Not Proud by John Gunther
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

11th Graders

Across The Great River
by Irene Beltran Hernandez
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
Siddhartha by Herman Hesse

12th Graders

Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier
Grendel by John Gardner
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Woman in White by Wilkie Collins
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte