



**Branchburg Central Middle School**  
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This year, each grade level at Branchburg Central Middle School has designed a summer reading project for their incoming students. We are notifying local libraries and bookstores so they may prepare for possible inquiries about the books.

1. Incoming **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** (approximately 200 students):  
Will choose one book from each fiction and non-fiction list:

**Fiction**

- *Powerless* by Matthew Cody
- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts* by Richard Peck

**Nonfiction**

- *Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini* by Sid Fleischman
- *The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum* by Candace Fleming
- *Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio* by Peg Kehret

2. Incoming **7<sup>th</sup> Grade** (approximately 200 students):  
All seventh grade students will be asked to read *Schooled* by Gordon Korman

3. Incoming **8<sup>th</sup> Grade** (approximately 200 students)  
Half the students will be asked to read *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt  
Half the students will be asked to read *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor  
In addition all incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be asked to choose an independent book to read and the school provided a "suggested books" list (attached) as a resource.

I would appreciate any support you can provide to help our student gain access to these titles and enjoy the gift of reading over the summer.

Sincerely,

M. Barbosa  
Principal

Suggested books:

Adams, Douglas *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* series  
Allende, Isabel *City of the Beasts*  
Alexie, Sherman *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*  
Banks, Russell *Rule of the Bone*  
Bauby, Jean-Dominique *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*  
Benioff, David *City of Thieves*  
Bloor, Edward *Tangerine*  
Bray, Libba *Going Bovine*  
Brewer, Heather *The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod*  
Brooks, Kevin *Candy*  
Bunting, Eve *Jumping the Nail*  
Cormier, Robert *I Am the Cheese, The Chocolate War*  
Draper, Sharon *The Battle of Jericho, Copper Sun, Just Another Hero, Out of My Mind and November Blues*  
Deuker, Carl *Heart of a Champion, Hoops, High Heat*  
Farmer, Nancy *The House of the Scorpion*  
Gantos, *A Hole in My Life*  
Green, John *An Abundance of Katherines, Looking for Alaska, and Paper Towns*  
Greenberg, Joanne *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*  
Haddon, Mark *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*  
Haig, Matt *The Dead Father's Club and The Radleys*  
Hickham, Jr., Homer *October Sky*  
Hijuelos, Oscar *Dark Dude*  
Korman, Gordon *Jake, Reinvented*  
Krakauer, Jon *Into Thin Air and Into the Wild*  
Lore, Pittacus *I Am Number Four*  
Lubar, David *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie*  
Myers, Walter Dean *Fallen Angels*  
Nolan, Han *If I Should Die Before I Wake and A Summer of Kings*  
Oates, Joyce Carol, *After the Wreck, I Picked Myself Up, Spread My Wings and Flew Away, Freaky Green Eyes, and Big Mouth & Ugly Girl*  
Picoult, Jodi *Nineteen Minutes*  
Prose, Francine *After*  
Rhodes-Courter, Ashley *Three Little Words*  
Satrapi, Marjane *Persepolis and Persepolis 2*  
Sonnenblick, Jordan *Notes from a Midnight Driver, Zen and the Art of Faking It, Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie, and After Ever After*  
Spiegelman, Art *Maus I and Maus II*  
Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*  
Vizzini, Ned *Be More Chill and It's Kind of a Funny Story*  
Vrettos, A.M. *Skin*  
Walls, Jeanette *The Glass Castle*  
Wolff, Tobias *This Boy's Life*  
Wooding, Chris *The Haunting of Alazabel Cray and Poison*  
Wroblewski, David *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*  
Zusak, Markus *The Book Thief and I Am the Messenger*