

SUMMER READING LIST 2023 PACIFIC GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pacific Grove Middle School has created this summer reading list for all incoming and current PGMS students. The list is organized by genre not by grade level. Please note the Parent Recommendation genre AND the Reading Assignment pages at the end of this list. Each student will read at least two books from the list this summer from any genre or from any author on the list. The Reading Assignment pages will be collected in English classes during the first week of school. We will use this summer reading experience to begin our fall Language Arts studies.

(A Suggestion: Read 20 minutes each day!)

The Classics (other works by authors listed below may also be read)

Alcott, Louisa	Little Women
Cooper, James Fenimore	The Last of Mohicans
Doyle, Sir Arthur	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain
London, Jack	Call of the Wild
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Green Gables (series)
Saint-Exupery, Antoine de	The Little Prince
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty
Sperry, Armstrong	Call It Courage
Stevenson, Robert L.	Kidnapped
Sutcliff Rosemary	The Wanderings of Odysseus: the story of the odyssey
Verne, Jules	Around the World in Eighty Days
Wells, H.G.	The Time Machine
White, T.H.	The Once and Future King
Wyss, Johann David	The Swiss Family Robinson

Fantasy/Science Fiction (other works by authors listed below may also be read)

Angleberger, Tom	Fuzzy
August, John	Arlo Finch (Series)
Chokshi, Roshani	Aru Shah and the End of Time; Pandava (series)
DasGupta, Satantani	Kiranmala & the Kingdom Beyond (series)
Dashner, James	Maze Runner (series); Mortality Doctrine (series)
Donnelly, Jennifer	Waterfire saga (series)
Emmerson, Kevin	Chronicles of the Dark Star (series)
Evans, Richard Paul	Michael Vey (series)
Flanagan, John	Ranger's Apprentice (series)
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Found (series); Children of Exile (series)
Holm, Jennifer	The Lion of Mars

Kaufman, Amie	Elementals (series)
Kincaid, S.J.	Insignia (series)
Lee, Yoon Ha	Dragon Pearl
LeGuin, Ursula	A Wizard of Earthsea (series)
Legrangis, Peter	Seven Wonders (series)
McMann, Lisa	The Unwanteds (series); Going Wild (series)
Messenger, Shannon	Keeper of the Lost Cities (series)
Meyer, Marissa	The Lunar Chronicles (series)
Mull, Brandon	The Candy Shop War (series); Fablehaven (series)
Nielsen, Jennifer	The Ascendance trilogy (series); Traitor's Game
Pierce, Tamora	The Circle of Magic
Prineas, Sarah	Magic Thief (series)
Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series)
Roadhouse, Rebecca	Race to the Sun
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter (series)
Sage, Angie	Septimus Heap (series)
Sanderson, Brandon	Alcatraz versus the Evil Librarians (series)
Savage, Scott	Mysteries of Cove (series)
Scott, Michael	Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (series)
Sutherland, Tui	Wings of Fire (series)
Valente, Catherynne M.	Fairyland (series)
Westerfield, Scott	Leviathan; Behemoth; Goliath
Wrede, Patricia	Enchanted Forest Chronicles (series)

Historical Fiction (other works by authors listed below may also be read)

Barrett, Tracy	Anna of Byzantium
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	The War that Saved my Life
Bruchac, Joseph	Code Talkers; Sacajawea
Carbone, Elisa	Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607
Carlson, Drew	Attack of the Turtle
Choldendo, Gennifer	A Tale from Alcatraz (series)
Coen, Caroline	The Angel Oak
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watsons go to Birmingham
Engle, Margarita	Silver People:Voices from the Panama Canal
Erdich, Louise	The Birchback House
Gratz, Alan	Allies; Refugee; Projekt 1065; Ground Zero
Gutman, Dan	Willie and Me
Hiranandani, Veera	The Night Diary
Kadohata, Cynthia	Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam
Levine, Kristin	The Lions of Little Rock
Lynch, Chris	Vietnam (series); World War II (series)
Morpurgo, Michael	War Horse
Myers, Walter Dean	Sunrise Over Fallujah
Nielson, Jennifer	Mark of the Thief Trilogy (series)

Philbrick, Rodman	The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg
Preus, Margi	Heart of a Samurai; Shadow on the Mountain
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising ; Echo
Sands, Keven	Blackthorn Key (series)
Soto, Gary	Baseball in April
Speare, Elizabeth	The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Vanderpool, Clare	Moon Over Manifest
Wolk, Lauren	Wolf Hollow: Beyond the Bright Sea; Echo Mountain
Yeltchin, Eugene	Breaking Stalin's Nose
Zenzai, N.H.	Escape from Aleppo

Mystery (other works by authors listed below may also be read)

Baillet, Blue	Pieces and Players
Bauer, Joan	Close to Famous
Bowling, Dusti	Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus
Carter, Ally	Embassy Row (series)
Christie, Agatha	The Orient Express
Corbett, Sue	12 Again
Feinstein, John	Triple Threat (series)
Gibbs, Stuart	Moon Base Alpha: Space Case (series)
Green, Tim	Baseball Genius (series)
Hiaasen, Carl	Skink; No Surrender, Squirm
Hoobler, Dorothy	The Sword That Cut the Burning Grass
Lane, Andrew	Sherlock Holmes - The Legend Begins (series)
Margolis, Leslie	Maggie Brooklyn Mystery Series
Pearson, Ridley	Lock and Key: The Initiation
Ponti, James	Golden Gate (City Spies Series)
Quinn, Spencer	Woof (Bowzer & Birdie series)
Raskin, Ellen	The Westing Game
Ruby, Laura	The Shadow Cipher (York Series)
Snicket, Lemony	All the Wrong Questions (series)
Springer, Nancy	The Case of the Missing Marques
Stead, Rebecca	When You Reach Me
Stevens, Robin	Wells and Wong Mystery (series)
Stroud, Jonathan	Lockwood & Co. (series)
Turnage, Sheila	Three Times Lucky (series)
Wilson, John	Death on the River

Contemporary Realistic Fiction (other works by authors listed below may also be read)

Alexander, Kwame	The Crossover (told in verse)
Avi	Nothing But the Truth
Buyea, Rob	Because of Mr. Terupt
Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons
Draper, Sharon M.	Out of my Mind; Blended

Frederick, Heather Vogel	Mother-Daughter Book Club (series)
Grabenstein, Chris	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series)
Greenwald, Lisa	My Life in Pink and Green
Grisham, John	Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer (series)
Hernandez, Carlos A.P.	Sal & Gabi Break the Universe
Horowitz, Anthony	Alex Rider Adventures (series)
Korman, Gordon	Restart
Lupica, Mike	The Batboy; Million Dollar Throw; Heat; QB1
Martinez, Victor	Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida
Mass, Wendy	Every Soul a Star
Medina, Meg	Merci Suarez Changes Gears
Mysers, Walter Dean	Kick
Palacia, Raquel	Wonder
Reynolds, Jason	Track (series); Look Both Ways
Sloan, Holly	I'll Be Here; Counting by 7s
Smith, Roland	Tentacles; Storm Runners (series)
Vance, Alexander	The Heartbreak Messenger

Nonfiction Selections

Aldrin, Buzz	Welcome to Mars
Alexander, Kwame	The Playbook: 52 Rules in the Game Called Life
Anderson, Tanya	Tillie Pierce: Teen Eyewitness Battle of Gettysberg
Bolden, Tonya	Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass
Borden, Louise	His Name was Raoul Wallenberg
Collins, Mary	Airborne: photo-biography Wright Brothers
Finch, Jennie	Throw Like a Girl
Fleming, Candance	The Family Romanov
Goodall, Jane (With Phillip Berman)	Reason for Hope
Hamilton, Bethany	Soul Surfer
Hawking, Stephen	A Briefer History of Time
Herndon, Booton	Redemption at Hacksaw Ridge
Hillenbrand, Laura	Seabiscuit: An American legend
Hoose, Phillip	The Boys Who Challenged Hitler
Kamkwamba, William	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
Kean, Sam	The Disappearing Spoon (Young Reader ed.)
Martin, Iain	In Harm's Way: JFK, WWII, & the Heroic Rescue of PT 109
Pearson, P. O'Connell	Fly Girls
Redding, Anna Crowley	Google It: A History of Google
Saucier, CAP	Explore the Cosmos Like Neil DeGrasse Tyson
Seiple, Samatha	Lincoln's Spymaster
Sheinkin, Steve	Bomb
Smith, Grant	Big Fat Notebook; Everything You Need to Ace Computer Science
St. George, Judith	The Duel: parallel Lives of Hamilton and Burr

Stevenson, Bryan	Just Mercy: True Story of the Fight for Justice (young reader ed.)
Swanson, Jennifer	Astronauts, Aquanauts; How Space Science & Sea Science Interact
Terzian, James & Katheryn Cramer	Mighty Hard Road: The Story of Cesar Chavez
Thiel, Kristin	Mae C. Jemison: First African American Woman in Space
Vance, Ashlee	Elon Musk: Quest for a Fantastic Future
Yorkey, Mike	The Right Steph: How Stephen Curry is Making All the Right Moves
Yousafzai, Malala	I Am Malala (young reader ed.)

Parent Recommendation

Parents may recommend an especially memorable book from their own reading experience. This title can be in any literary genre. We hope that parents can create a special reading experience for their child with this shared reading recommendation.

Note: Please find the reading assignment pages attached.

Name: _____

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Book 1 -Title: _____ Author: _____

Number of pages _____ would you recommend this book to a friend? _____

Rate the book! How many stars? 

Summarize the story in one paragraph.

What do you think is the overall theme (lesson, moral) of the story?

What do you feel is the author's overall purpose for writing this story (to entertain, inform, express an opinion? persuade)?

Select your favorite quote (include page number) from the book you read. What does this quote mean to you?

Book 2- Title: _____ Author: _____

Number of pages _____ would you recommend this book to a friend? _____

Rate the book! How many stars? 
Summarize the story in one paragraph.

How many total books did you read over the summer? _____

Please list them by title and author:

3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

Please attach an additional sheet if you read more than twelve books.
Also, please sign below to verify you read the above books.

Student Signature

Parent Signature