

Metairie Park Country Day School
Summer Reading for Middle School Students

Read at least five books, including:

- **6th Grade:** *The Revealers*, by Doug Wilhelm and Michael Wertz
- **7th Grade:** *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*, by Jordan Sonnenblick
- **8th Grade:** *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
 - 1 book from the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series by Rick Riordan

All students will either write an essay or have a class discussion on their required reading. Therefore, they will need to have access to a copy of the book during the first couple of weeks of school.

Keep track of all of your reading in a reading log like the one below. Copy and paste the chart into Excel (preferred) or Word, and print it and bring it to class with you on the first day of school.

Author	Title	Genre	# of Pages	Date finished	Rating (1-10)

For the four other books you choose, write a 100-word journal. Be sure to include the title and author of the book. Type your journal in Times or Times New Roman 12, and double space. Choose one of the questions below for each journal; you can use a different question for each book, or you can repeat one or more questions. Bring your journals to class on the first day of school.

Students are encouraged to select books that are appropriate to their reading level and to their interests. For suggestions on additional summer reading, students can visit the school's website. Go to www.mpcds.com and open the Academics tab. On the left-hand side, under the Libraries tab, open Reading Lists.

Sixth graders are asked to select four books from the four different fiction genres: Science Fiction, Fantasy, Realistic Fiction, Action/Adventure, and Historical Fiction.

Questions for Journal:

1. Which event would you change? What would happen in your revision?
2. Which character was your favorite? Compare this character to yourself or to one of your friends.
3. What would you say to the author of this book? In your conversation with the author, refer to two details of this book.
4. If this book reminds you of a book you have previously read, explain how the two books are alike.
5. Would you have acted differently from any of the characters during crucial points in the story? How and why?
6. Was there enough suspense or tension in the story, or did your interest lag? Explain your position by giving at least one example.