



# Charleston Day School

## Summer Reading 2026 Rising 7th Grade

The reading should be completed throughout the summer and not the last week of August. The main purpose of summer reading is to keep the verbal skills sharp. An added benefit is that summer provides the time to find joy in reading.

### **REQUIRED READING** *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

### **STUDENT CHOICE**

Students must read two additional books. One must be from the attached list of classic middle grade literature. The second book can be any book you and your family decide is a good fit. If you want, you may read another classic work, a Newbery Award Winner, A South Carolina Book Award Winner, or anything that is age appropriate. Do not choose books that you have already read, picture books, or graphic novels.

Students should write a total of two book reports, one for each book that they select on their own (not for the required reading selection).

#### **Book Report Guidelines:**

- The appropriate length is 1-2 pages double-spaced, using Times New Roman 12-point font and 1 inch margins.
- There should be a minimum of 3 paragraphs of 5-8 complete sentences in each paragraph.
- First paragraph should summarize the setting and describe the main character(s).
- Second/third paragraph should discuss a few critical events in the story that changed the main character, revealed a theme, or represented a conflict. Discuss something you learned while reading. Do **NOT** simply retell the plot.

Please also include the following information in the upper left-hand corner of each report.

1. Your name
2. Title, author, and number of pages
3. Date completed
4. Parent's signature

The reports should be expressed in paragraph form, typed, and printed. The reports are due the first day of school. Your grade will be penalized by a deduction of 10 points every day that the entire assignment is late.

In addition, students will be tested on the required class novel during the first week of school. Again, a report is NOT required for The Outsiders.

## Middle Grade Classics

Adams, Richard	<i>Watership Down</i>
Aiken, Joan	<i>The Wolves of Willoughby Chase</i>
Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women</i>
Alexander, Lloyd	<i>The Chronicles of Prydain series</i>
Alexie, Sherman	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Babbitt, Natalie	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
Barrie, James	<i>Peter Pan</i>
Baum, Frank	<i>Oz series</i>
Bellaire, John	<i>The House with a Clock in Its Walls</i>
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>
Brink, Carol Ryrie	<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i>
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Burnett, Frances H.	<i>The Secret Garden</i>
Burroughs, Edgar Rice	<i>Tarzan of the Apes</i>
Card, Orson Scott	<i>Ender's Game</i>
Carroll, Lewis	<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i>
Cather, Willa	<i>My Antonia</i>
Cisneros, Sandra	<i>The House on Mango Street</i>
Cooper, James F.	<i>The Last of the Mohicans</i>
Cooper, Susan	<i>The Dark is Rising series</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>
Cushman, Karen	<i>Catherine, Called Birdy</i>
Defoe, Daniel	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Dickens, Charles	<i>David Copperfield</i>
	<i>Oliver Twist</i>
	<i>A Tale of Two Cities</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i>
	<i>The Three Musketeers</i>
DuPrau, Jeanne	<i>The City of Ember</i>
Eager, Edward	<i>Half Magic</i>
Erdrich, Louise	<i>The Birchbark House</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Hundred Dresses</i>
Farmer, Nancy	<i>House of the Scorpion</i>
Fleming, Candice	<i>The Lincolns</i>
Frank, Anne	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>
Freedman, Russell	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt</i>
Gaiman, Neil	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>Julie of the Wolves</i>
	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>
Gipson, Fred	<i>Old Yeller</i>
Grahame, Kenneth	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>
Hemingway	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
Henry, Marguerite	<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i>
Heyerdahl, Thor	<i>Kon-Tiki</i>
Jacques, Brian	<i>Redwall series</i>
Juster, Norton	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Captains Courageous</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>A Wrinkle in Time series</i>
Lai, Thanhha	<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>
Le Guin, Ursula K.	<i>The Earthsea Cycle series</i>

Levine, Gail Carson	<i>Ella Enchanted</i>
Lin, Grace	<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>
London, Jack	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>
Lowery, Lois	<i>Gathering Blue</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>
Mitchell, Margaret	<i>Gone with the Wind</i>
Montgomery, L.M.	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
Nordhoff, Charles	<i>Mutiny on the Bounty</i>
Norton, Mary	<i>The Borrowers</i>
Orwell, George	<i>1984</i>
Paterson, Katherine	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Hatchet</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>A Long Way from Chicago series</i>
Pène du Bois, William	<i>The Twenty-One Balloons</i>
Pratchett, Terry	<i>The Wee Free Men</i>
Pullman, Phillip	<i>His Dark Materials series</i>
Rawlings, Marjorie	<i>The Yearling</i>
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson &amp; the Olympians series</i>
Rowling, J. K.	<i>Harry Potter series</i>
Ruark, Robert	<i>The Old Man and the Boy</i>
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>
Schmidt, Gary	<i>Okay for Now</i>
Scott, Sir Walter	<i>Ivanhoe</i>
Selznick, Brian	<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i>
Sheinkin, Steven	<i>Bomb</i>
Smith, Betty	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>
Smith, Jeff	<i>The Bone Series</i>
Snicket, Lemony	<i>A Series of Unfortunate Events books</i>
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	<i>The Egypt Game</i>
Speare, Elizabeth George	<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Maniac Magee</i>
Stead, Rebecca	<i>When You Reach Me</i>
Steinbeck, John	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>
Stevenson, Robert	<i>Kidnapped</i>
	<i>Treasure Island</i>
Tan, Shaun	<i>The Arrival</i>
Taylor, Sydney	<i>All-of-a-Kind Family</i>
Travers, P.L.	<i>Mary Poppins</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>
	<i>The Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>
	<i>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i>
White, Terence Hanbury	<i>The Sword in the Stone</i>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<i>Little House on the Prairie series</i>
Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>One Crazy Summer</i>
Wyss, Johann	<i>The Swiss Family Robinson</i>
Yang, Gene Luen	<i>American Born Chinese</i>