

# Bowditch Middle School: Required Summer Reading

All Language Arts students entering grades six through eight must read over the summer. The following grade-appropriate titles are strongly recommended. Students who are stronger readers should read two titles from the list for their grade. Students will be assessed on their understanding of their summer reading's story, characters, and author's techniques at the beginning of the school year. Parents concerned about the appropriateness of a particular title should be involved in their child's selection process. The Foster City Library was given this list as well in order to stock multiple copies of each book. If at all possible, students should plan to bring books during the first week of school.

<p>For students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Choose One:</p> <p><u>The Orphan of Ellis Island</u> by Elvira Woodruff  <u>Bud, Not Buddy</u> by Christopher Paul Curtis  <u>The City of Ember</u> by Jeanne Duprau  <u>A Single Shard</u> by Linda Sue Park  <u>Homeless Bird</u> by Gloria Whelan  <u>The Egypt Game</u> by Zilpha Keatley Snyder  <u>The Secret Garden</u> by Frances Hodgson Burnett  <u>The Shakespeare Stealer</u> by Gary Blackwood  <u>Chasing Vermeer</u> by Blue Balliet  <u>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</u> by John Boyne  <u>The View From Saturday</u> by E.L. Konigsburg  <u>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</u> by Sharon Creech  <u>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</u> by Kate DiCamillo</p>	<p>For students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Choose One:</p> <p><u>Julie of the Wolves</u> by Jean Craighead George  <u>The Miracle Worker</u> by William Gibson  <u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u> by Wilson Rawls  <u>Loser</u> by Jerry Spinelli  <u>Dragonwings</u> by Laurence Yep  <u>Something to Declare</u> by Julia Alvarez  <u>Homecoming</u> by Cynthia Voigt  <u>Red Scarf Girl</u> by Ji-Li Jiang  <u>Ender's Game</u> by Orson Scott Card  <u>The Wednesday Wars</u> by Gary D. Schmidt  <u>Watership Down</u> by Richard Adams  <u>Godless</u> by Pete Hautman</p>	<p>For students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Choose One:</p> <p><u>Exodus</u> by Julie Bertagna  <u>Wintergirls</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson  <u>China Boy</u> by Gus Lee  <u>Flygirl</u> by Sherri L. Smith  <u>Shakespeare Bats Clean Up</u> by Ron Koertge  <u>The Hundred Secret Senses</u> by Amy Tan  <u>When I was Puerto Rican</u> by Esmerelda Santiago  <u>Bronx Masquerade</u> by Nikki Grimes  <u>Farewell to Manzanar</u> by Jeanne Houston  <u>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</u> by Sherman Alexie  <u>Rebecca</u> by Daphne duMaurier  <u>Not a Happy Camper</u> by Mindy Schneider  <u>City of the Beasts</u> by Isabel Allende</p>
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