

2018-2019

## Required Reading List

(Students will read the following books throughout the school year.)

### 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE:

Bridge to Terabithia- Paterson  
The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe- Lewis  
Island of the Blue Dolphins- O'Dell  
\*A Wrinkle in Time- L'Engle  
Tuck Everlasting- Babbitt  
A Day No Pigs Would Die- Peck

### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE:

\*To Kill A Mockingbird- Lee  
The Cay- Taylor  
Where the Lilies Bloom- Cleaver  
Call of the Wild- London  
The Pearl- Steinbeck  
The Ox-Bow Incident- Clark

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE:

The Giver- Lowry  
Killing Lincoln- O'Reilly  
\*Of Mice and Men- Steinbeck  
The Ugly American- Ledere & Burdick(if time permits)  
Flowers for Algernon- Keyes  
\*The Outsiders- Hinton  
Night- Wiesel

\* = These books will be provided by the literature teacher.

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### **The Middle School Summer Reading List 2018**



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Dear Middle School Students and Parents:

As a college professor and high school English teacher, I have extremely strong feelings concerning your child's reading program throughout his/her years at Gatewood. Each selection on the 2018-2019 reading list has been chosen with the utmost care to increase one's learning experience and to build a firm foundation for the college years.

Included on the inside of the booklet are the summer reading selections. On the back cover, you will find the required reading selections for the school year for each grade. These books will be read to encourage students to read at their own pace and to read books that interest each student individually. There are other works that will be read in class since they are included in each grade level textbook. Students will be tested over the summer books during the first two weeks of school.

Do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions. I, as well as the other language arts teachers, am looking forward to working with your child. Hopefully, these selections will continue to enhance our students' reading and comprehension skills as we strive to prepare them for future endeavors. Kindest regards,

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## Summer Reading Requirements for students entering Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

### \*Required Summer Reading\*

#### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	Wilson Rawls
<i>The Whipping Boy</i>	Sid Fleishman

#### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

<i>Rascal</i>	Sterling North
<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	Irene Hunt

#### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain
<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>	Stephen Crane