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## 2026 St. Charles Borromeo Summer Reading

All Middle School students (Incoming 5th through 8th grades) have (1) required book assigned by grade.

### Required reading:

Incoming 5th grade: *Wonder* by R.J.Palacio

Incoming 6th grade: *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

Incoming 7th grade: *Four Perfect Pebbles* by Lila Perl and Marion Blumenthal

Incoming 8th grade: *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

Incoming 5/6th grade students are asked to read (2) additional books. Suggestions below:

*Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate Di Camillo

*Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz

*A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray* by Ann M. Martin

*Among the Hidden Series* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China* by Jane O'Connor

*Exploring the Titanic: How the Greatest Ship Ever Lost Was Found* by Robert D. Ballard

Incoming 7th grade students are asked to read (2) additional books. Suggestions below:

*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank and B.M.Mooyaart (Translator)

*Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson

*I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by

Malala Yousafzai

*Running out of Time* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*City of Ember* by Jeanne Du Prau

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

Incoming 8th grade students are asked to read (2) additional books. Suggestions below:

*Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis* by Pete Nelson

*Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank and B.M.Mooyaart (Translator)

*Code Orange* by Caroline B. Cooney

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli



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***I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*** by Malala Yousafzai  
***Never Mind*** by Avi and Rachel Vail  
***Flipped*** by Wendelin Van Draanen

## Summer Reading Project

Each grade has been assigned (1) required reading (p 1). There will be an assessment for each grade level based on your knowledge and understanding of the assigned reading in **ELA class**.

Each Middle School student (5-8th grades) is asked to choose (2) additional books of their choice to read. There are several recommended classic and contemporary books on the previous page. ***Twenty to thirty minutes of reading per day is a great goal!***

Enjoy your summer! Summer reading is always an enjoyable addition to these carefree days.

Mrs. Colleen Slotman (5)  
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