



TNCS Middle School Summer Reading Rising 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

The Language Fundamentals Department encourages all middle schoolers to support and strengthen their reading, comprehension, and vocabulary skills by participating in independent summer reading.

1. READ (3 or more books)

Print out the Recommended Book List on pages 2-4. Check off all of the books you read, indicating the reading method you chose:

- Independent Reading (IR) – read independently from a print or digital copy
- Auditory Assistance (AA) – read with auditory assistance, such as Learning Ally
- Partner Reading (RP) – partner-read/listen, such as with a parent

(Use an Emoji as a check mark if you want to express your opinion of the book!)

You do not need to limit your reading to the books listed. Add your own book choices on the blank lines at the bottom of the form.

2. RESPOND (1 or more responses)

Choose one of the books you read and give your personal response. You can choose from these options:

- Write a Reader's Rave (if you liked the book) or a Reader's Rant (if you really didn't). Print out and use the format on page 4, select a few sentence starters on page 5, or create your own.
- Record a Show Me or book trailer.
- Illustrate the book with a drawing, timeline, map, or combination of these. Include characters, setting, and plot.
- Make a quiz with questions about your book and an answer key.

Students who READ at least **3 books** and RESPOND to at least **1 book** will be eligible to participate in a special celebration in September. Please bring your checklist and your Reader's Response to your LF teacher the first week of school.

RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST

Return this completed form to your LF teacher

Name: _____ Date Completed: _____

AUTHOR	BOOK TITLE	IR	AA	RP
Al-Mansour, Haifaa	<i>The Green Bicycle</i>			
Alexander, William	<i>Goblin Secrets</i>			
Alexie, Sherman	<i>*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>			
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Chains</i>			
Armstrong, Jennifer	<i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</i>			
Almond, David	<i>Kit's Wilderness</i>			
Almond, David	<i>Skellig</i>			
Avi	<i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</i>			
Babbitt, Natalie	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>			
Bacigalupi, Paolo	<i>*Ship Breaker</i>			
Barry, Dave	<i>The Worst Class Trip Ever</i>			
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	<i>The Boy Who Dared</i>			
Bauer, Joan	<i>Hope Was Here</i>			
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Penderwicks</i>			
Black, Holly	<i>Doll Bones</i>			
Blakemore, Megan Frazer	<i>The Water Castle</i>			
Blume, Judy	<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>			
Blundell, Judy	<i>What I Saw and How I Lied</i>			
Bond, Michael	<i>A Bear Called Paddington</i>			
Bosch, Pseudonymous	<i>The Name of This Book Is Secret</i>			
Bowling, Dusti	<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i>			
Bray, Libba	<i>*Going Bovine</i>			
Bryant, Jen	<i>The Trial</i>			
Bunting, Eve	<i>SOS Titanic</i>			
Choldenko, Gennifer	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>			
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Ramona Quimby, Age 8</i>			
Colfer, Chris	<i>The Wishing Spell (Land of Stories #1)</i>			
Coville, Bruce	<i>William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet</i>			
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>			
Cushman, Karen	<i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i>			
Dahl, Roald	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>			
Dahl, Roald	<i>James and the Giant Peach</i>			
Dahl, Roald	<i>Matilda</i>			
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>			
Dowell, Frances O'Roark	<i>Dovey Coe</i>			
Duncan, Lois	<i>Third Eye</i>			
DuPrau, Jeanne	<i>The City of Ember</i>			
Erskine, Katherine	<i>Mockingbird</i>			
Farmer, Nancy	<i>*The House of the Scorpion</i>			

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Fletcher, Ralph	<i>Flying Solo</i>			
Fradin, Dennis & Judith Bloom	<i>Stolen Into Slavery: The True Story of Solomon Northrup, Free Black Man</i>			
Frost, Helen	<i>Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War</i>			
Funke, Cornelia	<i>Inkheart</i>			
Funke, Cornelia	<i>The Thief Lord</i>			
Gantos, Jack	<i>Dead End in Norvelt</i>			
Gino, Alex	<i>George</i>			
Grabenstein, Chris	<i>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</i>			
Grahame, Kenneth	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>			
Gratz, Alan	<i>Refugee</i>			
Green, John	<i>*Looking for Alaska</i>			
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Found</i>			
Hautman, Pete	<i>*Godless</i>			
Hesse, Karen	<i>Out of the Dust</i>			
Hobbs, Will	<i>The Maze</i>			
Holt, Kimberly Willis	<i>When Zachary Beaver Came to Town</i>			
Hoose, Phillip M.	<i>Claudette Colvin</i>			
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Stormbreaker</i>			
Horvath, Polly	<i>The Canning Season</i>			
Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>Kira-Kira</i>			
Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>The Thing About Luck</i>			
Kindl, Patrice	<i>Goose Chase</i>			
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi</i>			
Konigsberg, E. L.	<i>The View from Saturday</i>			
Lai, Thanhha	<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>			
Larson, Hope	<i>A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel</i>			
Levine, Kristin	<i>The Lions of Little Rock</i>			
Lewis, C. S.	<i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>			
Lowry, Lois	<i>The Giver</i>			
Lowry, Lois	<i>Number the Stars</i>			
McCaughrean, Geraldine	<i>The White Darkness</i>			
Meissner, David	<i>Call of the Klondike: A True Gold Rush Adventure</i>			
Na, An	<i>*A Step from Heaven</i>			
Napoli, Donna Jo	<i>King of Mulberry Street</i>			
Nolan, Han	<i>*Dancing on the Edge</i>			
Oh, Ellen	<i>Flying Lessons</i>			
Park, Linda Sue	<i>A Single Shard</i>			
Paterson, Katherine	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>			

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Patron, Susan	<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i>			
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Crush</i>			
Peck, Richard	<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>			
Perkins, Lynne Rae	<i>Criss Cross</i>			
Raskin, Ellen	<i>The Westing Game</i>			
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Ghost (Track #1)</i>			
Rosoff, Meg	<i>How I Live Now</i>			
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>			
Sachar, Louis	<i>Holes</i>			
Schlitz, Laura Amy	<i>Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices from a Medieval Village</i>			
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team</i>			
Sloan, Holly Goldberg	<i>Counting by 7's</i>			
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Maniac Magee</i>			
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Smiles to Go</i>			
Stead, Rebecca	<i>When You Reach Me</i>			
Steig, William	<i>Abel's Island</i>			
Timberlake, Amy	<i>One Came Home</i>			
Turner, Megan Whalen	<i>The Thief</i>			
Ungerer, Tomi	<i>Zerelda's Ogre</i>			
Van de Veld, Vivian	<i>Heir Apparent</i>			
Vanderpool, Clare	<i>Moon Over Manifest</i>			
Vawter, Vince	<i>Paperboy</i>			
Whaley, John Corey	<i>*Where Things Come Back</i>			
Whelan, Gloria	<i>Homeless Bird</i>			
White, E. B.	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>			
White, E. B.	<i>Stuart Little</i>			
Wolk, Lauren	<i>Wolf Hollow</i>			
Yang, Gene Luen	<i>*American Born Chinese</i>			
Zusak, Marcu	<i>Underdogs</i>			

***YA - PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED**

Reader's Rave/Rant

Name: _____ Date : _____

I read the book _____,

written by _____.

The best word to describe this book is _____.

It stands out from other books because _____

_____.

The book is basically about _____

_____.

A few highlights of the story are _____

_____.

What I won't tell you is _____

_____.

If I could change anything about this book, I would _____

_____.

I (do/don't) recommend this book because _____

_____.

Reader Response Sentence Starters

1. The character _____ reminds me of myself/somebody I know, because...
2. This book/scene/character reminds me of a similar book/scene/character I have read about, because...
3. The story seems realistic/unrealistic, because...
4. I like/dislike the author's writing style, because...
5. I think the relationship between _____ and _____ is interesting, because...
6. I wish _____ had/had not happened...
7. My opinion of the character _____ is...
8. As I read, I felt...
9. What came as a surprise in the book was...
10. My favorite character is _____ because...
11. If I had written this book, I would change ...
12. I thought the ending was...
13. Before I read this book, I didn't know...
14. I will/will not read another book by this author because...
15. I was confused about...
16. If a film were made from this book, it would be...