

**DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**SUMMER READING LIST FOR**  
**STUDENTS ENTERING THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Eighth-graders will be required to read at least one book from the list below that has not been read before.**

- **Sports**
  - **All American Boys** by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
  - **Boy 21** by Matthew Quick
  - **The Running Dream** by Wendelin Van Draanen
  - **Up For Air** by Laurie Morrison
  - **Stupid Fast** by Geoff Herbach
  - **Curveball The Year I Lost My Grip** by Jordan Sonnenblick
  - **Moneyball** by Bennett Miller
  - **Shoe Dog** by Phil Knight
  - **Courage to Soar** by Simone Biles
  - **Messi: The Definitive Biography** by Guillem Ballague
  
- **Historical Fiction**
  - **Heroes** by Alan Gratz
  - **Between Shades of Gray** by Ruth Septys
  - **Salt to the Sea** by Ruth Septys
  - **I Must Betray You** by Ruth Septys
  - **When The World Was Ours** by Liz Kessler
  - **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak
  - **Milkweed** by Jerry Spinelli
  - **Code Name Verity** by Elizabeth Wein
  - **The Memory of Things** by Gae Polisner
  - **A Very Large Expanse of Sea** by Tahereh Mafi
  
- **Science Fiction/Fantasy**
  - **The Last Cuentista** by Donna Barba Higuera
  - **The Stolen Heir** by Holly Black (series)
  - **Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25** by Richard Paul Evans (series)
  - **Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card
  - **Scythe** by Neal Shusterman (series)
  - **Legend** by Marie Lu
  - **The Uglies** by Scott Westerfeld (series)
  
- **Mystery**
  - **The Inheritance Games** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (series)
  - **The Cellar** by Natasha Preston
  - **The Reappearance of Rachel Price** by Holly Jackson
  - **I Am The Mission** by Allen Zadoff
  - **The Honeys** by Ryan La Sala
  - **The Agathas** by Karen Glasgow

- **Realistic Fiction**
  - **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton
  - **Orbiting Jupiter** by Gary Schmidt
  - **96 Miles** by J. L. Esplin
  - **All The Bright Places** by Jennifer Niven
  - **Dear Martin** by Nic Stone
  - **The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight** by Jennifer E. Smith
  - **Better Than the Movies** by Lynn Painter
  - **The Do Over** by Lynn Painter
  - **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas
  - **Starfish** by Akemi Dawn Bowman
  - **Aristotle And Dante Discover The Secrets Of The Universe** by Benjamin Alire Saenz
  - **Finding Audrey** by Sophie Kinsella
  
- **Nonfiction/Biography/Autobiography/Memoir**
  - **The Impossible Escape** by Steve Sheinkin
  - **Tuesdays With Morrie** by Mitch Albom
  - **Everything Sad is Untrue** by Daniel Nayeri
  - **Boys in the Boat** by Daniel James Brown
  - **Unbroken** by Laura Hillenbrand
  - **The 57 Bus** by Dashka Slater
  - **Popular** by Maya van Wagenen
  - **Trevor Noah Born a Crime (Young Readers')** by Trevor Noah
  - **Just Mercy (Young Adults)** by Bryan Stevenson
  - **The Boys Who Challenged Hitler** by Phillip Hoose
  - **The Assignment** by Liza M. Weimer

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