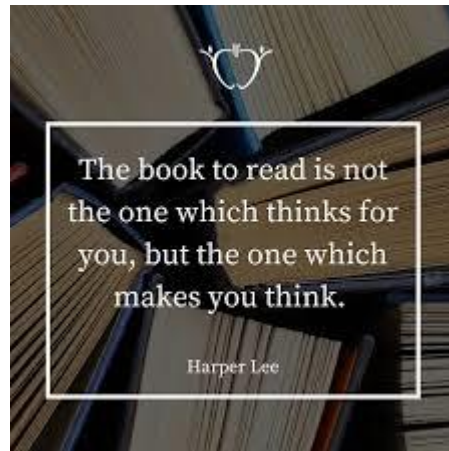


DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST FOR
STUDENTS ENTERING THE 8TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 2025



We are excited to begin your eighth-grade journey with you this fall. Please choose **at least one** of the following books **on this list** that **you have not read before**.

- **Sports**

- All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- Backfield Boys by John Feinstein
- The Blind Side by Michael Lewis
- Friday Night Lights by Buzz Bissinger
- The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
- After The Shot Drops by Randy Ribay
- One Goal by Amy Bass

- **Historical Fiction**

- Salt to the Sea by Ruth Septys
- When The World Was Ours by Liz Kessler
- Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli
- When We Flew Away by Alice Hoffman
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- We Are Not Free by Tracee Chee
- A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi

- **Science Fiction/Fantasy**

- Sunrise on The Reaping by Suzanne Collins (series)
- The Cruel Prince by Holly Black (series)
- Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans (series)
- Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
- Matched by Allie Condie (series)

- The Selection by Kiera Cass (series)
- **Mystery**
 - The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (series)
 - We Were Liars by E. Lockhart (series)
 - And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
- **Realistic Fiction**
 - The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
 - We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez
 - Orbiting Jupiter by Gary Schmidt
 - Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
 - All The Bright Places by Jennifer Niven
 - Dear Martin by Nic Stone (series)
 - The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
 - Punching The Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusuf Salaam
 - 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
 - The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose
 - They Called Us Enemy by George Takei
 - Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Naye
 - Free Lunch by Rex Ogle
 - Punching Bag by Rex Ogle
 - 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
 - Girl Code: Gaming Going Viral and Getting It Done by Andrea Gonzales

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