

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST FOR
STUDENTS ENTERING THE 6TH GRADE
SEPTEMBER 2026

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PLEASE NOTE: Students **MUST CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE BOOK** of their choice **FROM THIS**

LIST.

- *Please choose one book that you have not read before!*
- **You will need a copy of the book to prepare for an assessment in September!**

Realistic Fiction

- ✓ One For The Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- ✓ The List of Things That Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead
- ✓ The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
- ✓ Linked by Gordon Korman
- ✓ Masterminds by Gordon Korman
- ✓ Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
- ✓ Scar Island by Dan Gemeinhart
- ✓ The First Rule of Punk by Celia Perez
- ✓ So B. It by Sarah Weeks
- ✓ The Truth About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
- ✓ Flipped by Wendelin Van Drennan
- ✓ Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- ✓ Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
- ✓ Wish by Barbara O'Connor
- ✓ Where The Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
- ✓ Faker by Gordon Korman
- ✓ The 6th Grade Nickname Game by Gordon Korman

Science Fiction/Fantasy

- ✓ The Unwanteds by Lisa McCann
- ✓ Amari and The Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
- ✓ Jinxed by Amy McCullough
- ✓ Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson
- ✓ The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- ✓ Keeper of The Lost Cities by Sharon Messenger
- ✓ When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
- ✓ Space Case by Stuart Gibbs
- ✓ The Girl Who Drank The Moon by Kelly Barnhill
- ✓ Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- ✓ Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
- ✓ Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

Historical Fiction

- ✓ A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- ✓ Resistance by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- ✓ Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
- ✓ Ground Zero by Alan Gratz
- ✓ Refugee by Alan Gratz
- ✓ Two Degrees by Alan Gratz
- ✓ Code of Honor by Alan Gratz
- ✓ The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- ✓ Eleven by Tom Rogers
- ✓ Nine, Ten, A September 11 Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- ✓ The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
- ✓ The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
- ✓ Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
- ✓ Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Non-Fiction/Biography/Autobiography/Memoir

- ✓ Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton
- ✓ All Thirteen by Christina Soontornvat
- ✓ Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges by Gregory Zuckerman
- ✓ Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal
- ✓ The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba
- ✓ I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai (Young Readers Edition)
- ✓ Believe: The Victorious Story... by Eric LeGrand (Young Readers Edition)
- ✓ A World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky and Frank Stockton
- ✓ A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park (*half memoir, half fiction*)
- ✓ Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- ✓ Hidden Figures (Young Readers Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly

Sports

- ✓ No Slam Dunk by Mike Lupica
- ✓ Fantasy League by Mike Lupica
- ✓ Last Man Out by Mike Lupica
- ✓ Before The Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson
- ✓ Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald
- ✓ The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Drannen
- ✓ Soar by Joan Bauer
- ✓ The Walk On by John Feinstein
- ✓ The Sixth Man by John Feinstein
- ✓ The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- ✓ Unstoppable by Tim Green
- ✓ Soccer on Sunday by Mary Pope Osborne