

**Joseph's Catholic School – Richardson
2026 Middle School Summer Reading Expectations**

Rising Grade 8 Students

Fiction

Choose one of the following books:

- *Peak* by Roland Smith
- *Tales from Shakespeare* by Charles and Mary Lamb
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Students can check out one of these books from Mrs. Sabetti in late May or purchase their own copy.

Nonfiction

All students need to read:

- *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller

Students can **check out one of these books from Mrs. Sabetti in late May** or purchase their own copy.

Students will be **assessed over their chosen fiction book and the nonfiction book during the first full week of school.**

Rising Grade 7 Students

• **Required Book:**

Tunes for Bears to Dance To by Robert Cormier

Students may **check out a copy from Mrs. Sabetti in late May** or purchase their own copy.

Students will be **assessed on this book during the first full week of school.**

Rising Grade 6 Students

Required Book:

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Students may **check out a copy from Mrs. Sabetti in late May** or purchase their own copy.

Students will be **assessed on this book during the first full week of school.**
