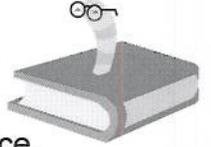




## Deerlake Middle School Recommended Summer Reading



Research shows that students improve their reading skills through practice. All students entering grades six through eight should read one book this summer. The goal of our recommended summer reading is to challenge, motivate, and entertain students in order to create life-long readers. The book lists can be found at local libraries and book stores.

We hope you enjoy this opportunity to read at a leisurely pace. Book report forms are available on the Deerlake Middle School website and will be available in language arts classes at the beginning of the school year.

### **Titles for upcoming sixth graders**

Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi  
Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson  
Heat by Mike Lupica  
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

### **Titles for upcoming seventh graders**

Gregor The Overlander by Suzanne Collins  
The Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan (Students may read any book of the series except The Lightning Thief)  
The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake  
Code Orange by Caroline B. Cooney  
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt

### **Titles for upcoming eighth graders**

Everlost by Neal Schusterman  
I Have Lived a Thousand Years by Lavita Bitton-Jackson  
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson  
Zach's Lie by Roland Smith  
Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes