

Rye Middle School Eighth Grade Summer Reading

June 2020

Dear Rye Middle School Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to the eighth grade! Summer reading is an important activity for intellectual growth and development. It encourages students to continue learning while providing fun and enjoyment. What helps make reading entertaining for children is allowing them the freedom to choose books that speak to their unique interests.

Students should not select books they have previously read. We encourage students to read two or more books of their choosing. With the direction of a parent or other adult family member, students should select books at or above their reading level.

RMS 8th grade teachers and students have developed a list of summer reading suggestions included on the following page. Please understand that the titles here are just some ideas for reading. We encourage you and your family to find your own favorites. The Rye Free Reading Room is also an excellent resource for book suggestions, lists of award-winning books, and exciting summer reading programs and prizes. Students can log their reading on the library's READsquared app to earn prizes and share book reviews. Visit the website for help borrowing e-books too. [Click here](#) for access to their summer reading website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's current Language Arts teacher.

We wish you a summer of happy reading!

Sincerely,

8th Grade English Teachers

Suggested Titles for 8th Grade Students

Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds

When Jack and Kate meet at a party, bonding until sunrise over their mutual love of Froot Loops and their favorite flicks, But then Kate dies. And their story should end there.

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. As the daughter of an underground hip hop legend who died right before he hit big, Bri's got massive shoes to fill.

This Place: 150 Years Retold by Kateri Akiwenzi-Damm Sonny Assu

Explore the past 150 years through the eyes of Indigenous people.

Strange Grace by Tessa Gratton

Long ago, a village made a bargain with the devil: to ensure their prosperity, when the Slaughter Moon rises, the village must sacrifice a young man into the depths of the Devil's Forest. Only this year, the Slaughter Moon has risen early.

Never Missing, Never Found by Amanda Panitch

Some choices change everything. Scarlett chose to run. And the consequences will be deadly.

When by Victoria Laurie

Maddie doesn't have a choice. The forehead of every person she sees is marked by the shadowy digits of their deathdate. Her unique, innate skill often feels more like a curse than a gift.

Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

From the author of *Fish in a Tree*, comes a compelling story about perspective and learning to love the family you have. Delsie loves tracking the weather--lately, though, it seems the squalls are in her own life.

Let's Go Swimming on Doomsday by Natalie C. Anderson

When Abdi's family is kidnapped, he's forced to infiltrate a Somali terrorist group and act as a spy for the American CIA.

Four Dead Queens by Astrid Scholte

A theft gone wrong, a conspiracy, and four murdered monarchs

Nothing but the Truth by Avi

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus

A story of what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive.