

**CCS Middle School Summer Reading List**  
***Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade***

***Each student must read the following:***

G. Stewart	<u>The Pioneers Go West</u>
C. Richter	<u>The Light in the Forest</u>

***Each student must read one of the following:***

Fiction

V. & B. Cleaver	<u>Where the Lilies Bloom</u>
J. & C. Collier	<u>My Brother Sam Is Dead</u>
S. Crane	<u>The Red Badge of Courage</u>
A. Curtis	any from the <u>Little Maid</u> series
J. Ferris	<u>Walking the Road to Freedom</u>
F. Gibson	<u>Old Yeller</u>
W. Gibson	<u>The Miracle Worker</u> (play)
G. A. Henty	<u>By Right of Conquest: With Cortez in Mexico</u> <u>With Lee in Virginia</u>
I. Hunt	<u>Across Five Aprils</u>
H. Hurnard	<u>Hinds' Feet on High Places</u>
L. Lowry	<u>Number the Stars</u>
K. Paterson	<u>Bridge to Terabithia</u>
E. G. Speare	<u>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</u>
M. Twain	<u>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</u> <u>The Prince and the Pauper</u>
E. Yates	<u>Amos Fortune, Free Man</u>
J. Yolen	<u>The Devil's Arithmetic</u>

Non-fiction

F. Douglass	<u>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave</u>
B. Franklin	<u>The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin</u>
H. Keller	<u>The Story of My Life</u>
G. Paulsen	<u>Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod</u>
C. Ten Boom	<u>The Hiding Place</u>
B. T. Washington	<u>Up from Slavery</u>

## **CCS Middle School Summer Reading List** ***Instructions, Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade***

All incoming middle schoolers must read three books they've never read before. The sixth graders must read the two required books and choose another book from the list.

- What's my assignment?

For each book, you must complete a graded, written assignment described below.

- For The Pioneers Go West, you must complete the study questions.
- For The Light in the Forest, you must complete a book report sheet.
- For the book of your choice, you must complete a book report sheet.

Write each assignment neatly, in blue or black ink, in cursive, and in complete sentences.

- When are the assignments due?

Reports are due on the third day of school.

- Where can I find the books?

Any book vendor will do, as long as the books are complete and unabridged. Nothing from the "Illustrated Classics" series is allowed! Below are a few suggested sources.

- Barnes and Noble
- Borders Books and Music
- The Book Nook (used) on Roswell Rd.
- Public library
- [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- [www.bestbookbuys.com](http://www.bestbookbuys.com)

- What if I don't like the book?

You must read the books from the required list, regardless of how you feel about it. However, feel free to hunt for a book you like from the list. If you get to the third or fourth chapter and still can't get into it, put it aside and choose another.

- May I just watch the movie?

No! Reading a book and watching a film are two completely different experiences. Don't be fooled into thinking you know the story just from the movie. Books are much more detailed and often differ greatly from their film versions. Read the book before seeing the movie. Then you can intelligently observe the changes. Parents should view the films first for any inappropriate content.