



MIDTOWN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

2020 Summer Reading Suggestions

Elementary

Kindergarten

These titles expose your child to themes of diversity and growth mindset which are also highlights of the kindergarten curriculum at MIS. As you read, discuss story elements such as plot, setting, conflict, and resolution and help your students make comparisons between the books. A balance of reading aloud to your child and having your child read aloud to you will best prepare him or her for kindergarten at MIS.

Fiction

- ❑ [*Saturday by Oge Mora*](#)
- ❑ [*The Book with No Pictures by B J Novak*](#)
- ❑ [*Be Quiet by Ryan T Higgins*](#)
- ❑ [*17 Things I'm Not Allowed to Do Anymore by Jenny Offill*](#)
- ❑ [*Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña*](#)
- ❑ [*The Sandwich Swap by Queen Rania of Jordan Al Abdullah and Kelly Dipucchio*](#)
- ❑ [*Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat*](#)
- ❑ [*Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary*](#)
- ❑ [*The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl*](#)

Nonfiction

- ❑ [*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick*](#)
- ❑ [*Locomotive by Brian Floca*](#)
- ❑ [*Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos by Stephanie Roth Sisson*](#)

First Grade

- ❑ [*Umbrella* by Taro Yashima](#)
- ❑ [*The Cat from Hunger Mountain* by Ed Young](#)
- ❑ [*Color Me a Rhyme* by Jane Holden](#)
- ❑ [*I Wonder Why* series published by Kingfisher \(multiple authors\)](#)
- ❑ [*The Infamous Ratsos* by Kara LaReau \(Early Chapter Book Series\)](#)
- ❑ [*The Mitten* by Jan Brett](#)
- ❑ [*I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen](#)
- ❑ [*The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson](#)
- ❑ [*A Different Pond* by Bao Phi](#)
- ❑ [*Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal](#)

Second Grade

- ❑ [*Cam Jansen Mystery* series by David A. Adler](#)
- ❑ [*My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett \(John Newberry Medal, Indies choice Book Award: Rediscovery Award\)](#)
- ❑ [*Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors* by Hena Khan](#)
- ❑ [*Xochitl and the Flowers/Xochitl, la Nina de las Flores* by Jorge Argueta](#)
- ❑ [*The Crane Girl* by Curtis Manley](#)
- ❑ [*New Shoes* by Susan Lynn Meyer \(NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work - Children's\)](#)
- ❑ [*The Case of the Spooky Sleepover, Jigsaw Jones Mystery #4* by James Prella](#)
- ❑ [*The Adventures of Taxi Dog*
by Debra Barracca, Sal Barracca, Mark Buehner \(illus.\)](#)
- ❑ [*The Great Kapok Tree A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest*
by Lynne Cherry](#)
- ❑ [*Dory Fantasmagory* by Abby Hanlon](#)
- ❑ [*Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows](#)
- ❑ [*Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo](#)
- ❑ [*Ellray Jakes* by Sally Warner](#)
- ❑ [*Alvin Ho* by Lenore Look](#)
- ❑ [*Andy Shane, Hero at Last* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson](#)
- ❑ [*Absolutely Alfie* by Sally Warner](#)
- ❑ [*Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie* by Julie Sternberg](#)

Third Grade

- ❑ [Appleblossom the Possum](#) by Holly Goldberg Sloan **chapter book
- ❑ [El Deafo](#) By Cece Bell **graphic novel
- ❑ [The Problem with Being Slightly Heroic](#) By Uma Krishnaswami **chapter book
- ❑ [Freedom in Congo Square](#) By Carole Boston Weatherford **picture book
- ❑ [Dumpling Days](#) By Grace Lin **chapter book
- ❑ [Ramona Quimby, Age 8](#) by Beverly Cleary **chapter book with picture support
- ❑ [The Birchbark House](#) by Louise Erdrich **chapter book with picture support
- ❑ [Oddfellow's Orphanage](#) by Emily Winfield Martin **chapter book with picture support
- ❑ [Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH](#) by Robert O'Brien**chapter book

Great audiobooks to add to your list (can be above reading level):

Anne of Green Gables
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
The Jungle Book
The Reluctant Dragon

Fourth Grade

- ❑ [Amina's Voice](#) by Hena Khan (Chapter Book)
- ❑ [Brown Girl Dreaming](#) by Jacqueline Woodson (Poetry)
- ❑ [They Called Us Enemy](#) by George Takei (Graphic Novel)
- ❑ [Dragons in a Bag](#) by Zetta Elliott (Chapter Book)
- ❑ [Year of the Dog \(A Pacy Lin Novel\)](#) by Grace Lin (Chapter Book)
- ❑ [The Wild Robot](#) by Peter Brown (Chapter book)
- ❑ [New Kid](#) by Jerry Craft (Graphic Novel)
- ❑ [The First Rule of Punk](#) by Celia C. Pérez (Chapter Book)

Middle School

Fifth Grade

- [Savvy, by Ingrid Law](#)
- [The Phantom Tollbooth, by Jules Feiffer](#)
- [Chasing Vermeer, by Blue Balliett](#)
- [Wonderstruck, by Brian Selznick](#)
- [The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams](#)
- [Spy School and Spy Camp, by Stuart Gibbs](#)
- [Firegirl, by Tony Abbott](#)
- [Stargirl, by Jerry Spinelli](#)

Sixth Grade

- [Allies, by Alan Gratz](#)
- [Echo, by Pam Munoz Ryan](#)
- [Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, by Grace Lin](#)
- [My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George](#)
- [Out of My Mind, by Sharon Draper](#)
- [The Gifted Teen Survival Guide, by Judy Galbraith and Jim Delisle](#)
- [Wolf Hollow, by Lauren Wolk](#)
- [To Catch a Cheat, by Varian Johnson](#)
- [Brown Girl Dreaming, by Jacqueline Woodson](#)

Junior High

Seventh Grade

- [The Court of Miracles--Kester Grant](#)
- [The Gilded Ones--Namina Forna](#)
- [Dreamland Burning-- Jennifer Latham](#)
- [American Street by Ibi Zoboi](#)
- [Outrun the Moon by Stacey Lee](#)
- [The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes--Suzanne Collins \(available 5/19/20\)](#)
- [Legend by Marie Lu](#)

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Eighth Grade

- ❑ [*Clap When You Land*--Elizabeth Acevedo](#)
- ❑ [*Children of Blood and Bone*--Toni Adeyemi](#)
- ❑ [*We Set the Dark on Fire* --Tehlor Kay Mejia](#)
- ❑ [*One of Us Is Lying*--Karen M. McManus](#)
- ❑ [*Hate List*--Jennifer Brown](#)
- ❑ [*Girl Gone Viral* by Arvin Ahmadi](#)
- ❑ [*Where Things Come Back* by John Corey Whaley](#)
- ❑ [*Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay](#)
- ❑ [*The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee](#)

High School

9-12th grade students are required to read one book from their grade level and be prepared to complete an assignment on it in the first week of school!

Ninth Grade (American Literature)

- ❑ [*The Catcher in the Rye* - J.D. Salinger](#)
- ❑ [*A Raisin in the Sun* - Lorraine Hansberry](#)
- ❑ [*Death of a Salesman* - Arthur Miller](#)
- ❑ [*Between the World and Me* - Ta-Nehisi Coates](#)
- ❑ [*Passing* - Nella Larsen](#)
- ❑ [*Speak* - Laurie Halse Anderson](#)
- ❑ [*Citizen: An American Lyric* - Claudia Rankine](#)
- ❑ [*The Bell Jar* - Sylvia Plath](#)
- ❑ [*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* - Carson McCullers](#)
- ❑ [*Beloved* - Toni Morrison](#)

Tenth Grade (World Literature)

- ❑ [*The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak](#)
- ❑ [*The Alchemist* - Paulo Coelho](#)
- ❑ [*Half of a Yellow Sun* - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie](#)
- ❑ [*The Kite Runner* - Khaled Hosseini](#)
- ❑ [*Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* - Jared Diamond](#)
- ❑ [*Mrs. Dalloway* - Virginia Woolf](#)
- ❑ *No Exit* - Jean-Paul Sartre
- ❑ [*The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* - Maxine Hong Kingston](#)
- ❑ [*Things Fall Apart* - Chinua Achebe](#)
- ❑ [*Like Water for Chocolate* - Laura Esquivel](#)
- ❑ [*Night* - Elie Wiesel](#)
- ❑ [*Reading Lolita in Tehran A Memoir in Books* - Azar Nafisi](#)
- ❑ [*Interpreter of Maladies* or *The Namesake* - Jhumpa Lahiri](#)
- ❑ [*In the Woods \(Dublin Murder Squad #1\)* - Tana French](#)
- ❑ [*The Dry \(Aaron Falk #1\)* - Jane Harper](#)
- ❑ [*Deaf Republic* or *Dancing in Odessa* - Ilya Kaminsky](#)
- ❑ [*The City in Which I Love You* - Li-Young Lee](#)
- ❑ [*The Cellist of Sarajevo* - Steven Galloway](#)
- ❑ [*The Handmaid's Tale* - Margaret Atwood](#)

Eleventh Grade (Analytical Writing)

- ❑ [*Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side Of The All-American Meal* - Eric Schlosser](#)
- ❑ [*Reading Lolita in Tehran A Memoir in Books* - Azar Nafisi](#)
- ❑ [*Bird By Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* - Anne Lamott](#)
- ❑ Any short story collection by David Sedaris (*Calypso, Me Talk Pretty One Day, Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*)
- ❑ [*A Good Man is Hard to Find and Other Stories* - Flannery O'Connor](#)
- ❑ [*Interpreter of Maladies* - Jhumpa Lahiri](#)
- ❑ [*I Am, I Am, I Am: Seventeen Brushes with Death* - Maggie O'Farrell](#)
- ❑ [*Bloodchild and Other Stories* - Octavia Butler](#)
- ❑ [*The Opposite of Loneliness: Essays and Stories* - Marina Keegan](#)
- ❑ [*East, West* - Salman Rushdie](#)
- ❑ [*Honey, Olives, Octopus: Adventures at the Greek Table* - Christopher Bakken](#)
- ❑ *Anything You Say Can and Will Be Used Against You: Stories* - Laurie Lynn Drummon

Twelfth Grade (English Language & Composition)

All seniors **MUST** read *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Brian Stevenson, *in addition to* a book of their choice from the list below:

- [*The Glass Castle* - Jeannette Walls](#)
- [*Killers of the Flower Moon* - David Grann](#)
- [*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* - Rebecca Skloot](#)
- [*The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness in the Fair that Changed America* - Erik Larson](#)
- [*In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* - Erik Larson](#)
- [*I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer* - Michelle McNamara](#)
- [*Know My Name: A Memoir* - Chanel Miller](#)