REQUIRED SUMMER READING: All incoming eighth-grade students must read one of the required texts listed below; this text will be discussed and explored at the beginning of the year. In addition, each student should select two other books from the list below to read.

Required texts:

Christie, Murder on the Orient Express
OR
Bradley, The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

In addition, students should read two of the following texts (or one if they read both of the books listed above). As they read, students should mark interesting sentences that relate to setting and character; this will facilitate their writing during the first weeks of school.

We’ve worked to create lists that reflect a variety of styles, genres, and experiences -- enjoy! If you’d like to learn more about these books, you can ask your English teacher or one of our librarians, look for descriptions on Amazon or Goodreads, or see what your friends might recommend. You can also find the books in our library catalog at this link: https://tinyurl.com/usn-srl-8. Happy reading!

Adams, The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy
Baldacci, Wish You Well
Cavallaro, A Study in Charlotte
Choi, Year of Impossible Goodbyes
Christie, And Then There Were None
Cisneros, The House on Mango Street
Dumas, The Count of Monte Cristo
Gaarder, Sophie’s World
Gibbons, Charms for the Easy Life
Giles, Fake ID
Griffin, Black Like Me
Grisham, A Painted House
Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea
Jaffrey, Climbing the Mango Trees
Knisley, Relish: My Life in the Kitchen
Knowles, A Separate Peace
Krakauer, Into the Wild

Lewis, March trilogy
López (ed.), Growing Up Chicana/o
Myers, The Glory Field
Roach, Packing for Mars and/or Gulp
Ruiz Zafón, The Prince of Mist
Saedi, Americanized: Rebel without a Green Card
Shetterly, Hidden Figures
Simon, Brighton Beach Memoirs
Steinbeck, Travels with Charley
Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring
Vecsey, Eight World Cups
Wein, Code Name Verity
White, The Once and Future King and/or The Sword in the Stone
Yolen, Briar Rose
Yousafzai, I Am Malala