

LCSC Middle Schools Advanced ELA Summer Reading List 2026:

The advanced ELA courses at the middle schools have required summer reading for students. The novels are listed below with the corresponding grade levels. Please note that the reading is for the incoming grade (for instance, students *going into* 5th grade will read the novel listed and so on).

We ask that all students have their summer reading done by the first day of school. Students should expect tests/quizzes and other assessments over the summer readings. Teachers will go over specific due dates for the quizzes and performance assessments with students once school begins.

It's also preferred that students have an actual copy of the book with them if possible (digital copies of the book on a Nook, Kindle, etc. are fine as well) so that they can complete the activities, many of which require referencing the text and providing text-based evidence.

5th grade

- *Running Out of Time* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

6th grade

- *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins

7th grade

- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

8th grade

- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
- All 8th grade advanced ELA students must also choose ONE of the following to read as well:
 - *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery* by Steve Sheinkin
 - *October Sky* by Homer Hickam

Sincerely,
Lake Central Administration