



# VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

## Entering Grades 6, 7, and 8 SUMMER READING LIST

There is nothing more special than creating a lifelong love of reading! It is very important to help your child understand that summer reading can be fun and beneficial at the same time. Children who develop the habit and love of reading not only learn to be better readers, but also achieve success in school.

As your child is becoming a more proficient reader he/she should read from various genres. This can include fiction books, non-fiction books, biographies, magazines, newspapers, etc.

Children entering Grade 6, 7, and 8 should read **at least two books from the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Book List (SSYRA), 2017 and one other book of choice.** It is highly recommended that your child read at least 30-minutes a day.

### **Sunshine State Young Readers Award, 2017-2018 Book List**

- Courage for Beginners* Karen Harrington
- Framed!* James Ponti
- The Girl in the Well is Me* Karen Rivers
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon* Kelly Barnhill
- How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer* Taryn Souders
- It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* Firoozeh Dumas
- The Mark of the Dragonfly* Jaleigh Johnson
- Moving Target* Christina Diaz Gonzalez
- The Nerdy Dozen* Jeff Miller
- The Nest* Kenneth Oppel
- Omega City* Diana Peterfreund
- Randoms* by David Liss
- Shadows of Sherwood* by Kekla Magoon
- Terror of Bottle Creek* by Watt Key
- The War That Saved My Life* Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

### **Favorite Series, Books, and Authors:**

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| Harry Potter series             | The Giver                            |
| The Hunger Games series         | Holes                                |
| The Lightning Thief             | The Outsiders                        |
| Bridge to Terabithia            | Number the Stars                     |
| The Hobbit                      | The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe |
| Stargirl                        | The Diary of a Young Girl            |
| Hatchet                         | Island of the Blue Dolphins          |
| The Escape of Princess Madeline | Switch! The Lost Kingdoms of Karibu  |

### **Non-Fiction Books/Series:**

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| Eyewitness Books     | Dorling Kindersley Book |
| Kingfisher Knowledge | Usborne Discovery Books |