



Middle School Language Arts Reading List 2011/2012

In addition to studying various literary forms and genres, students will be reading novels both in and out of the classroom. During the school year, students must participate in independent reading by completing four Sunshine State books. For a list of the 2011/2012 Sunshine State books, please check out <http://myssyra.org>. Each grade also has a selected list of optional books to read; these will count for **extra credit** in Language Arts. Students are expected to have completed the summer reading novel before school begins.

6th Grade SUMMER Reading List

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

6th Grade REQUIRED Reading List

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Four Sunshine State books (<http://myssyra.org>.)

6th Grade EXTRA CREDIT Reading List

(Maximum 2 per trimester)

The Cay by Theodore Taylor
A Crooked Kind of Perfect Life by Linda Urban
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

The Kingdom Keepers by Ridley Pearson
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
Souder by William H. Armstrong
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

7th Grade SUMMER Reading List

The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

7th Grade REQUIRED Reading List

Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Four Sunshine State books (<http://myssyra.org>.)

7th Grade EXTRA CREDIT Reading List

(Maximum 2 per trimester)

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
Flight to Freedom by Ana Veciana-Suarez
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
Mandie and the Secret Tunnel by Lois Gladys Leppard

M. C. Higgins, the Great by Virginia Hamilton
The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Tangerine by Edward Bloor

8th grade SUMMER Reading List

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

8th grade REQUIRED Reading List

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Four Sunshine State books (<http://myssyra.org>.)

8th Grade EXTRA CREDIT Reading List

(Maximum 2 per trimester)

Call of the Wild by Jack London
The Capture (Guardians of Ga'hoole series) by Kathryn Lasky
Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Giver by Lois Lowry

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss
The View from Saturday by E. L. Konigsburg