

SUMMER READING LIST 2026

Rising 6th Graders

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan — approximately 262 pages

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park — approximately 128 pages

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis — approximately 208 pages

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare — approximately 256 pages

Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates — approximately 192 pages

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis — approximately 245 pages

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin — approximately 192 pages

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli — approximately 184 pages

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls — approximately 256 pages

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson — approximately 160 pages

Rising 7th Graders

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor — approximately 294 pages

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare — approximately 256 pages

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis — approximately 224 pages

Ghost by Jason Reynolds — approximately 192 pages

Patina by Jason Reynolds — approximately 240 pages

The Cay by Theodore Taylor — approximately 160 pages

Rising 8th Graders

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson — approximately 320 pages

Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly — approximately 240 pages

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass — approximately 160 pages

Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington — approximately 330 pages

The Call of the Wild by Jack London — approximately 172 pages

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien — approximately 300 pages

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom (with John and Elizabeth Sherrill) — approximately 240 pages

Monster by Walter Dean Myers — approximately 281 pages

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai — approximately 272 pages

If there is a book you are interested in reading that is not on this list, please contact Mrs. Van Emburg, the English/Literature teacher (dazevedo@cgca.org) for possible approval.