

SUMMER READING
for students entering
GRADE 8

The Giver by Lois Lowry ***

Jonas lives in the perfect Community where there is no war or pain. When he turns twelve, he is chosen to receive special training from The Giver. Jonas will learn the shocking truth about the Community and will be expected to become the next Giver.

I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust by Levia Bitton-Jackson ***

This Holocaust memoir describes what happens to a Jewish girl named Ellie who is 13 when the Nazis invade Hungary in 1944. This book comes highly recommended by former eighth grade students.

Jacob's Rescue by Malka Drucker and Michael Halperin

This is a powerful story based upon the real life events that happened to Jacob, an eight-year-old boy, rescued by a Polish family during the Holocaust.

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes ***

This award-winning novel tells about a silversmith's apprentice in Boston during the days before the American Revolution.

The Pigman by Paul Zindel

Mr. Pignati is a lonely old man with a beer belly and an awful secret. John and Lorraine, two high school sophomores, befriend "The Pigman" and learn his sad and zany story.

Streams to the River, River to the Sea by Scott O'Dell

This novel tells the fascinating story of Sacagawea, the Shoshone Indian, who accompanies Lewis and Clark on their famous journey in search of the Pacific. Sacagawea recounts the ordeals of the trip and her growing feelings for Captain Smith.

***indicates challenging reading

Note: All students must read two books. Algebra and pre-algebra students must read at least one challenging selection.

