

## REQUIRED MIDDLE SCHOOL READING

**All students are required to read the assigned book listed below and complete a grade level assignment. The grade level book assignment is due the first day of school.**

### **GRADE 6 - Bridge to Terabithia**

by Katherine Paterson

Jess Aarons' greatest ambition is to be the fastest runner in his grade. He's been practicing all summer and can't wait to see his classmates' faces when he beats them all. But on the first day of school, a new girl boldly crosses over to the boys' side and outruns everyone. That's not a very promising beginning for a friendship, but Jess and Leslie Burke become inseparable. Together they create Terabithia, a magical kingdom in the woods where the two of them reign as king and queen, and their imaginations set the only limits.

### **GRADE 7 - Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

by Mildred D. Taylor

Why is the land so important to Cassie's family? It takes the events of one turbulent year—the year of the night riders and the burnings, the year a white girl humiliates Cassie in public simply because she's black—to show Cassie that having a place of their own is the Logan family's lifeblood. It is the land that gives the Logans their courage and pride—no matter how others may degrade them, the Logans possess something no one can take away.

### **GRADE 8 - To Kill a Mockingbird**

by Harper Lee

The unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it. Compassionate, dramatic, and deeply moving, To Kill A Mockingbird takes readers to the roots of human behavior - to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humor and pathos. Harper Lee always considered her book to be a simple love story. Today it is regarded as a masterpiece of American literature.

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CHOOSE ONE

- Posting Postcards: Pretend you are a character from your book and create at least 10 postcards to send to your classmates.
- It's all in the Mail: Write and address two friendly letters to characters or people in your book. Make comments and be sure to ask some important questions.

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