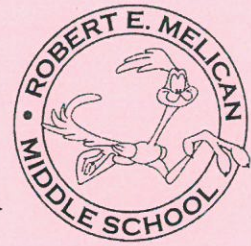


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**ROBERT E. MELICAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8
2018-2019**

Reading done during the summer, like all reading experiences, enhances your development as a student and more importantly as a lifelong lover of literature. Students at Melican will be participating in an all school, one read. All incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders are required to read *The Perfect Score* by Rob Buyea. See the Melican homepage for more information on the book. In addition to the all school, one read, eighth graders are required to read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, which will be the first unit of study in ELA classes. In order to be prepared, please complete the story map found on the back of this sheet to the best of your ability.

Teachers also encourage additional summer reading and have offered a list of common core authors suggested for eighth graders. Reading selections from the list will supplement the required reading; however, students only need to complete a story map for *The Giver* and the all school one read assignment.

David Almond (*fantasy, fiction: realistic*)
Laurie Halse Anderson (*fiction: historical*)
M. T. Anderson (*fiction: historical, humor*)
Avi (*fiction: historical*)
Joan Bauer (*fiction: realistic*)
Jean P. Birdsall (*fiction: realistic*)
Nancy Bond (*fantasy*)
Bruce Brooks (*fiction: realistic*)
Gennifer Choldenko (*mysteries*)
John Christopher (*science fiction*)
James and Christopher Collier (*fiction: historical*)
Suzanne Collins (*fantasy, science fiction*)
Susan Cooper (*fantasy*)
Eoin Colfer (*fantasy, science fiction*)
Leslie Connor (*fiction: realistic*)
Frank Boyce Cottrell (*fiction: humor*)
Bruce Coville (*fantasy*)
Sharon Creech (*fiction: realistic*)
Christopher Paul Curtis (*fiction: historical*)
Karen Cushman (*fiction: historical*)
Cynthia DeFelice (*fiction: historical, mysteries*)
Bette Greene (*fiction: historical*)
Rosa Guy (*fiction: realistic*)
Mary Downing Hahn (*ghost stories, fiction: historical*)
Shannon Hale (*fantasy, fiction: historical*)
Karen Hesse (*fiction: historical*)
Carl Hiaasen (*fiction: humor, mysteries*)
S. E. Hinton (*fiction: realistic*)
Will Hobbs (*fiction: realistic*)
Irene Hunt (*fiction: historical*)
Eva Ibbotson (*fantasy*)
Angela Johnson (*fiction: realistic*)
Diana Wynne Jones (*fantasy*)
Norton Juster (*fantasy*)
Ellen Klages (*fiction: historical*)
Ron Koertge (*fiction: humor*)
E.L. Konigsburg (*fiction: realistic*)
Iain Lawrence (*fiction: historical*)

Madeleine L'Engle (*fantasy, fiction: realistic*)
Ursula LeGuin (*fantasy*)
Gail Carson Levine (*fiction: realistic, fantasy*)
Robert Lipsyte (*fiction: realistic*)
Lois Lowry (*fiction: realistic, science fiction*)
Walter Dean Myers (*fiction: historical, realistic*)
Donna Jo Napoli (*fiction: historical, fantasy*)
Kenneth Oppel (*fantasy, adventure*)
Linda Sue Park (*fiction: historical, realistic*)
Laurence Yep (*fiction: historical, fantasy*)
Jacqueline Woodson (*fiction: realistic*)
Daniel Pinkwater (*fiction: humor*)
Mitali Perkins (*fiction: realistic*)
J. K. Rowling (*fantasy*)
Pam Munoz Ryan (*fiction: historical, realistic*)
Cynthia Rylant (*fiction: realistic*)
Theodore Taylor (*fiction: historical*)
Kate Thompson (*fantasy*)
Megan Whalen Turner (*fantasy*)
Cynthia Voigt (*fiction: realistic, fantasy*)
Gary Soto (*fiction: realistic*)
Suzanne Fisher Staples (*fiction: historical, realistic*)

Informational Texts

Susan Campbell Bartoletti (*history*)
Russell Freedman (*biography, history*)
James Cross Giblin (*biography, history*)
Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan (*art history*)
Deborah Heiligman (*history*)
Kathryn Lasky (*multi-genre*)
Philp Hoose (*biography, history*)
Albert Marrin (*biography, history*)
Milton Meltzer (*history, biography*)
Jim Murphy (*history*)
Elizabeth Partridge (*biography, history*)
Steve Sheinkin (*biography, history*)
Tanya Lee Stone (*biography, history*)