

# SMA Summer Reading

  
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## Required Summer Reading for Middle School

Our middle school literature teacher, Mrs. Bethanny McGuire, has chosen the following titles as **required** summer reading for students entering grades 6, 7, and 8. Students are to choose **ONE** title from the two titles listed for their grade level.

### 6th Grade:

***Shiloh*** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

OR

### ***Where the Red Fern Grows***

by Wilson Rawls

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

### 7th Grade:

***Stargirl*** by Jerry Spinelli

Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

OR

***Tangerine*** by Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

### 8th Grade:

***Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry***

by Mildred Taylor

An African-American family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

OR

***Homecoming*** by Cynthia Voigt

Abandoned by their mother, four children begin a search for a home and an identity. The first book in the celebrated Tillerman cycle. Sequel: Dicey's song.