



Summer Reading in New Fairfield

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Building a Culture of Reading



The New Fairfield Public Schools is committed to building a **culture of reading** that:

- Fosters **authentic, shared reading experiences** for all ages
- Promotes reading **across a wide variety of interests** as a **vehicle for learning and discourse**
- Partners **across students, staff, and families** to build a community of readers.

Summer Reading is one vehicle that we leverage each year with these guiding principles in mind.

Our School Libraries



In collaboration with staff,

- **Book boards / Reading menus** curated on school / district webpages to focus reading selection
- **Teacher Recommendations / “Book Picks”** to connect students to books
- Partnering with **New Fairfield Public Library Summer Reading Program**

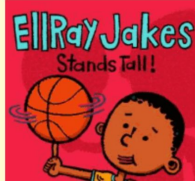
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FIND YOUR NEXT FAVORITE BOOK

THESE LISTS ARE JUST RECOMMENDATIONS. NOT EVERY BOOK IS FOR EVERY PERSON. IF IT IS NOT YOUR THING, KEEP LOOKING!

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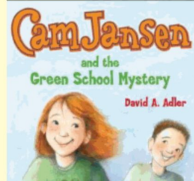
Realistic Fiction



Fantasy



Mystery



New Fairfield Middle School

NFMS Staff Recommendations

<p>Mr. Pardiola- 6th Grade ELA</p> <p>Not Nothing by Gayle Forman It would be best for grades: 6th-6th Mr. Pardiola says: I love this book because it is about simple people realizing that they can do</p>	<p>Mr. Pardiola- 6th Grade ELA</p> <p>The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Giamberini It would be best for grades: 6th-6th Mr. Pardiola says: Coyote is</p>	<p>Ms. Pierzchala- 6th Grade ELA</p> <p>Starfish by Lisa Fipps It would be best for grades: 6th-6th Ms. Pierzchala says: It is a novel in verse. As I was reading it, I really felt what the</p>	<p>Ms. Pierzchala- 6th Grade ELA</p> <p>The Amazing Generation by Jonathan Haidt & Catherine Price It would be best for grades: 6th-6th Ms. Pierzchala says: It is a</p>
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READ. RELAX. REPEAT

Summer Reading



- **NFES:** Grade-level themes, text sets for knowledge building, America 250 celebration connections (*Grade-level challenges*)
- **NFMS:** Text selections for students by theme; fall book talks (by theme) focused on text connections, oral language as pre-writing, vocabulary, and analytical thinking about text
- **NFHS:** Grade-level / course reading selections (short text sets, novels) for all English classes to be linked to analytical skills and synthesis writing (*in-class assignment grade in the fall*)

Summer Math



- **K-5:** Computational and fact fluency focus (*home resources provided*)
- **6-12:** Concepts and skills through Khan Academy modules (*Google classroom*) and hardcopy resources (*school main office*)