

8th Grade Summer Reading



8th Grade students are **REQUIRED TO READ *BLACK SHIPS BEFORE TROY*** by Rosemary Sutcliff and 1 book from the history list below. Be prepared to write a book report on the history book the first week of school.

***You will receive *Black Ships Before Troy* from Mrs. Mays before the end of 7th Grade.
Incoming students will check out a book with Mrs. Nelson over the summer.**

Bible Reading Requirement: Romans

History List

My Brother Sam is Dead by James Collier

A classic that recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while his family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

The Fifth of March By Ann Rinaldi

It's 1770, and 14 year old Rachel is a servant in the Boston household of John Adams. Her loyalty to the Adams family is tested by her friendship with Matthew Kilroy, a British private with an unsavory reputation. She is surprised when he is accused of joining soldiers in firing upon a mob of angry citizens, an event now known as the Boston Massacre.

Young Washington: The Making of a Hero by John Rosenberg

The early life of the Virginia farmer's son who would become a Revolutionary War leader and the first President of the United States.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out.

The Crossing by Howard Fast

Fast's gripping account of George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River and the Battle of Trenton, which changed the course of the American Revolution

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

A high-spirited teenage girl rebels against the narrow-minded ways of Puritan Connecticut and befriends a lonely old woman who is subsequently accused of being a witch. "Strong plot, fully realized characters, and convincing atmosphere distinguish this historical narrative."