

# Middle School Summer Reading 2019

Dorchester School District Two  
Mr. Joseph Pye, Superintendent



Dear Parents and Students,

One key to students' reading success is making their reading experiences entertaining, relaxing, and enjoyable. Allowing children to choose their own reading materials based on their reading interests is one way to ensure academic success.

Dorchester School District Two feels it is imperative that we provide our students with as many opportunities as possible to grow academically. Reading for understanding and appreciation is a skill that translates effectively into every academic area. The purpose of the Middle School Summer Reading list on the back of this letter is to provide students with the opportunity to select works which are both enjoyable and worthwhile from lists developed by their ELA teachers and media specialists at the middle school level. We hope to encourage reading for pleasure as well as reading for enlightenment, and we want to emphasize that the following summer reading list should be thought of as a starting point for conscientious students as they prepare to enter school in the fall.

Lexile levels are provided for the titles on the back of this letter to assist in book selection; titles with a variety of Lexile levels are offered to match varying student needs ([www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com)). The recommended Lexile band for grades 6-8 is 860L-1185L.

Although participation is not required, it is strongly recommended that rising sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students take part in the Summer Reading Program for Dorchester School District Two. Please check with your child's middle school for any summer reading that may be required.

## Summer Reading Online Resources

OverDrive – Dorchester Two Online Library

(OverDrive app is available for free for every major desktop and mobile platform)

*For step-by-step directions, visit the website below, sign in, and then click HELP in the upper right corner.*

<http://dorchestersc.libraryreserve.com/>

Dorchester County Public Library

<http://www.dcl.lib.sc.us/>

The Lexile Framework for Reading – Find a Book

<http://www.lexile.com/fab/>

SC Junior Book Awards

<http://www.scasl.net/book-awards>

Newbery Medal Winners

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal>

ReadWriteThink Summer Reading Activities

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/tips-howtos/tackle-summer-reading-list-30743.html>

<b>2019-2020 South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees</b>	
<i>All's Faire in Middle School</i> by Victoria Jamieson	GN460L
<i>Beyond the Bright Sea</i> by Lauren Wolk	770L
<i>Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora</i> by Pablo Cartaya	750L
<i>First Rule of Punk</i> by Celia C. Perez	670L
<i>Fred Korematsu Speaks Up</i> by Laura Atkins and Stan Yogi	not available
<i>Genevieve's War</i> by Patricia Reilly Giff	550L
<i>Greetings From Witness Protection</i> by Jake Burt	750L
<i>Halfway Normal</i> by Barbara Dee	620L
<i>Hear The Wolves</i> by Victoria Scott	740L
<i>In Some Other Life</i> by Jessica Brody	HL650L
<i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i> by Dusti Bowling	700L
<i>Last Day on Mars: Chronicles of the Dark Star (Book 1)</i> by Kevin Emerson	not available
<i>Miles Morales, Spider-Man</i> by Jason Reynolds	HL710L
<i>Nemesis</i> by Brendan Reichs	HL540L
<i>Restart</i> by Gordon Korman	730L
<i>Saving Marty</i> by Paul Griffin	650L
<i>The Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade</i> by Jordan Sonnenblick	760L
<i>Sidetracked</i> by Diana Harmon Asher	690L
<i>The Truth As Told by Mason Buttle</i> by Leslie Connor	310L
<i>Wild Bird</i> by Wendell Van Draanen	HL680L
<b>2018-2019 South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees</b>	
<b>Ghost</b> by Jason Reynolds ( <b>Winner</b> )	<b>730L</b>
<i>23 Minutes</i> by Vivian Vande Velde	900L
<i>Beautiful Blue World</i> by Suzanne LaFleur	540L
<i>Booked</i> by Kwame Alexander	660L
<i>The Crown's Game</i> by Evelyn Skye	HL800L
<i>The Darkest Hour</i> by Caroline Tung Richmond	790L
<i>Falling Over Sideways</i> by Jordan Sonnenblick	860L
<i>Four-Four-Two</i> by Dean Hughes	820L
<i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds	730L
<i>The Girl I Used to Be</i> by April Henry	HL660L
<i>I Am Drums</i> by Mike Grosso	730L
<i>The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magic Children and Their Holy Dog</i> by Adam Gidwitz	620L
<i>Last Man Out</i> by Mike Lupica	840L
<i>Love and Gelato</i> by Jenna Evans Welch	640L
<i>Mighty Jack</i> by Ben Hatke	GN490L
<i>The Only Road</i> by Alexandra Diaz	830L
<i>Projekt 1065</i> by Alan Gratz	780L
<i>Soar</i> by Joan Bauer	510L
<i>We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler</i> by Russell Freedman	630L
<i>Wolf Hollow</i> by Lauren Wolk	800L
<b>2019 Newbery Award Winner and Honor Books</b>	
<b>Merci Suárez Changes Gears</b> by Meg Medina ( <b>Winner</b> )	<b>700L</b>
<i>The Night Diary</i> by Veera Hiranandani	700L
<i>The Book of Boy</i> by Catherine Gilbert Murdock	HL600L
<b>2018 Newbery Award Winner and Honor Books</b>	
<b>Hello, Universe</b> by Erin Entrada Kelly ( <b>Winner</b> )	<b>690L</b>
<i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i> by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James	not available
<i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds	HL720L
<i>Piecing Me Together</i> by Renée Watson	680L