

## EPS MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN SUMMER READING!

If you are looking for a great book  
to help occupy your time this summer, your hunt is over!

Eastside Prep students and teachers recommended these books!

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

By Chris Grabenstein

Favorite Part: The really good ending!

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>

*The Book Thief*

By Markus Zusak

Favorite Part: The end, when death takes someone away.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>

*Where the Red Fern Grows*

By Wilson Rawls

Favorite Part: When he first got the dogs.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>

*The Girl Who Could Fly*

By Victoria Forester

Favorite Part: All of it!

Recommended for: 5th

*Rooftoppers*

By Katherine Rundell

Favorite Part: When she meets the rooftoppers.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>

*Phoenix and Ashes*

By Mercedes Lackey

Favorite Part: The whole thing- it was all very interesting to me.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

*The Blackthorn (The whole series!)*

By Kevin Sands

Favorite Part: All of it!

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

*Percy Jackson (The whole series!)*

By Rick Riordan

Favorite Part: When it's the final battle on Olympus.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

*When You Reach Me*

By Rebecca Stead

Favorite Part: The ending.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

*Pay It Forward*

By Catherine Ryan Hyde

Favorite Part: The book overall has such an impactful message of compassion and empathy, it's hard to pick a specific part.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

*The Wild Robot*

By Peter Brown

Favorite Part: When the Robot arrives at the island.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

*The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*

By Jeanne Birdsall

Favorite Part: I can't choose- all of the parts are the best!

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

*Because of Mr. Terupt*

By Rob Buyea

Favorite Part: The end- I'm not going to spoil it.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

*Fox Craft (The whole series!)*

By Inbali Iserles

Favorite Part: When Isla becomes the black fox.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

*The Graveyard Book*

By Neil Gaiman

Favorite Part: The beginning.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

*The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass (A Trilogy)*

By Philip Pullman

Favorite Part: I like the setting.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

*Haroun and the Sea of Stories*

By Salman Rushdie

Favorite Part: The wild adventure in a magical world, and the great relationships in the family.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Warriors (The whole series!)*

By Erin Hunter

Favorite Part: When Firestar faces Scourge.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Harry Potter (The whole series!)*

By J.K. Rowling

Favorite Part: When Hermione uses the time turner.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*

By Jules Verne

Favorite Part: Every part where they go underwater and do underwater adventures. They describe it so well that it feels like you're underwater with them.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Connect the Stars*

By David Teague and Marisa de los Santos

Favorite Part: When the four main characters become an actual team and like each other for their own qualities.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Dune*

By Frank Herbert

Favorite Part: That would spoil it!

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*The Hobbit*

By J.R.R. Tolkien

Favorite Part: When the hobbit leaves his house.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*One Half from the East*

By Nadia Hashimi

Favorite Part: I enjoyed the worldbuilding and the character arcs.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Wonder at the Edge of the World*

By Nicole Helget

Favorite Part: The adventure.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Ranger's Apprentice*

By John Flanagan

Favorite Part: I loved all the action and details in this book.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*The Fire Within*

By Chris d'Lacey

Favorite Part: The part about the squirrels.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Front Desk*

By Kelly Yang

Favorite Part: All of it!

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Last Day on Mars: Chronicle of the Dark Star*

By Kevin Emmerson

Favorite Part: When they finally leave Mars.

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Lord of the Rings*

By J.R.R. Tolkien

Favorite Part: It would give some of it away!

Recommended for: 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Code of Honor*

By Alan Gratz

Favorite Part: When the main character sees and saves his brother.

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Eleanor and Park*

By Rainbow Rowell

Favorite Part: When Eleanor and Park meet each other for the first time on the bus.

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Unfree Speech*

By Joshua Wong

Favorite Part: The entire book!

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*On the Come Up*

By Angie Thomas

Favorite Part: How it depicted a lot of issues prominent in our society today.

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Michael Jordan: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Players*

By Clayton Geoffreys

Favorite Part: When he is talking about his childhood.

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Code Name Verity*

By Elizabeth E. Wein

Favorite Part: All the plot twists!

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Found*

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Favorite Part: When all the missing kids are in a cave with no time passing.

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Michael Vey (The whole series!)*

By Richard Paul Evans

Favorite Part: When they fight an evil organization.

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>



*Scythe Series (Scythe, Thunderhead, The Toll)*

By Neal Shusterman

Favorite Part: The story line keeps you engaged and has you on the edge of your seat. My favorite part of the book is how the story progresses and has unexpected twists. Also the hidden motives and the mysterious plot.

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Bomb*

By Steve Sheinkin

Favorite Part: The Building of the Bomb.

Recommended for: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Jackaby*

By William Ritter

Favorite Part: Abigail meeting Jackaby and going on the first adventure.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Between Shades of Gray*

By Ruta Sepetys

Favorite Part: The descriptions of the characters and the atmosphere.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

### *A Dog's Journey*

By W. Bruce Cameron

Favorite Part: When Max discovers that Trent has cancer by using his cancer-sniffing skill, and he works really hard to try to let CJ and Trent know that they need to seek medical help. This saves Trent's life and it is very sad, yet heartwarming.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

### *As I Descended*

By Robin Talley

Favorite Part: The book is a modern retelling of Macbeth, which was really interesting and fun.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

### *Fahrenheit 451*

By Ray Bradbury

Favorite Part: I love the entire book because of its style of presenting itself and the tension. If I had to choose a favorite scene it would be when the main character questions his morals when a woman burns herself alive.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

### *The Inexplicable Logic of My Life*

By Benjamin Sáenz

Favorite Part: The official adoption of Samantha.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Night*

By Elie Wiesel

Favorite Part: The brutality and truth.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*The Hate U Give*

By Angie Thomas

Favorite Part: The protests.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*The Fault in Our Stars*

By John Green

Favorite Part: The way the narrative is written, and the depth behind the story.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*Milkweed*

By Jerry Spinelli

Favorite Part: All of it! It is an inspirational, amazing piece in every word.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*The Blue Mage Raised by Dragons*

By Virlyce, Mare Trevathan, et al.

Favorite Part: When Vur eats cake.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*It*

By Stephen King

Favorite Part: Pennywise.

Recommended for: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

*This Is Where It Ends*

By Marieke Nijkamp

Favorite Part: The end of the book.

Recommended for: 8<sup>th</sup>

*Every Word You Cannot Say*

By Iain S. Thomas

Favorite Part: The structure of the writing.

Recommended for: 8<sup>th</sup>

*A Court of Thorns and Roses (The entire series!)*

By Sarah J. Maas

Favorite Part: The plotline and how it keeps surprising me as I read.

Recommended for: 8<sup>th</sup>

*I Am Number Four*

By Pittacus Lore

Favorite Part: All of it! Especially when Four learns he has powers and he meets other people with powers.

Recommended for: 8<sup>th</sup>

*Wilder Girls*

By Rory Power

Favorite Part: When Hetty finds out Reese never hated her, and when she steals the ring from the Weaver.

Recommended for: 8<sup>th</sup>

