



May 23, 2024

Dear Parents and Students,

All students attending McKinley Middle Magnet School during the 2024-2025 school year are required to complete summer reading. Each grade level has a mandated novel to read over the summer break. All McKinley Middle Magnet students will be tested on the assigned text **on the first week of school**. This will be a recorded test grade....**NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Required readings:

Incoming Sixth Graders:

6th Grade Summer Reading:

For the 2024-2025, incoming sixth graders can choose one of the novels below to read. The novels below will allow students to have prior knowledge for Unit 1, *Childhood* of our Tier 1 Curriculum (My Perspectives). While reading, students are required to complete the novel reading guides. Reading guide is due on the first day of class. Students are also required to take an accelerated reader (AR) test on novel. No exceptions! Links are posted.

Option 1: *Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle

Click on the link to download reading

guide: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aMkobu6QcLJz8nnGGSL3b6VgcxSI7pUEGfBQ0PE33BI/edit?usp=sharing>

Option 2: *One For The Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Click on the link to download reading guide: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j8KQkeJNv-a0IEMGsquhR2bsnGUpkEvM4GqO48tGBs/edit?usp=sharing>

Seventh Graders:

Read and take a test on one of the following novels

- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne,
 - *Call of the Wild* by Jack London
 - *Ruined* by Paula Morris
- OR**
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

Eighth Graders:

- Read 1 grade-level novel of your choice
- Students will turn in their summer reading assignment on Monday, August 12, 2024.
- Assignments will be uploaded to the designated assignment area in Google Classroom.
- Please refer to the class website for your class codes

Assignment choices include:

1. A video (Flipgrid, Clips, iMovie, WeVideo), at least 3-4 minutes in length. Please include an intro, text feature, and an ending.
2. Presentation (Google Slides, PowerPoint), at least six slides. Slides should include title, author, important facts, summary, pictures of important events, etc.

Suggestions for acquiring the novels are Amazon, Barnes and Noble, the public library, or perform a Google search for a PDF of the text.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and hope that our students have a wonderful and productive summer.

Additional Information:

Backpacks:

MANDATORY!!!!!! ALL students will be required to have a mesh or clear backpack **ONLY!!!!** Backpacks can be purchased at the school at a cost of \$20.00 beginning Thursday, June 3rd.

Supply Lists:

School supply lists can be found on our website.

School Uniforms:

Shorts and skirts are no longer permitted!!!! Pants only!

Approved school uniform shirts, hoodies, and sweatshirts may only be ordered and purchased online (www.mckinleymiddlemagnet.com). **THE ONLY UNIFORM SHIRT WITH A LOGO or SWEATSHIRT MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE SCHOOL.** School uniforms will be sold at the school on **Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, July 15th, through Wednesday, July 31st.** Please stop by the front office between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. to purchase your child's uniform tops, jackets, and/or sweatshirts. **Uniforms will not be able to be purchased online, you must come to the school.**

No refunds or exchanges will be given for uniforms.

School Fee:

School Supply lists for each grade level will be available on the school website and app. Our **school fee** is **\$80.00** and may be paid either online or through your child's first period teacher. This fee covers a spirit t-shirt which may be worn on Fridays, hall locker fee, Chromebook wear and tear repairs, school planner, ID badge, cover, a lanyard, and two ELA novels. School fees can be paid online beginning **Monday, June 3rd** or in person in the front office by cash or money order only.

Orientation/Open House

Orientation/Open House is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17, 2024**. Student schedules for the 2024-2025 school year will be mailed by the end of July 2024.

As always, we appreciate your support in helping us make McKinley Middle Magnet the best that it can be! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at (225)388-0089. We look forward to the 2024-2025 school year and hope that you have a safe and restful summer!

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Sincerely,

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