

2023 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...

Iron Widow

By Xiran Jay Zhao

Favorite Part: I like the general theme of the book and how the author sets up each scene.

Recommended for: 8th

Project Hail Mary

By Andy Weir

Favorite Part: All of it! It is my all-time favorite book.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

Scythe

By Neil Shusterman

Favorite Part: When they realize Scythe Faraday is still alive :)

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

The War that Saved My Life

By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Favorite Part: When the two children meet Susan.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th

Going Solo

By Roald Dahl

Favorite Part: The battle of Athens.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th

Three Body Problem

By Liu Cixin

Favorite Part: It's a really exciting science fiction book. My favorite part of the book was the mystery about what was causing all the strange events in the beginning. Another highlight was the mystery of the chaotic and stable eras.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

The Stormlight Archive (series)

By Brandon Sanderson

Favorite Part: EVERYTHING. I love how nearly every chapter is punctuated by delightful moments of witty humor or wise contemplation. The characters and world are extremely well-thought-out and the book will immerse anyone in its magic. This series will make you laugh, cry, and think. No matter how hard I try, I can't find a single plot hole.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow (series)

By Jessica Townsend

Favorite Part: When Morrigan first enters the world, and when she firsts meets Jupiter and Fenestra.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

The Summer I Turned Pretty

By Jenny Han

Favorite Part: When Belly finds out that someone is not who she thought they were.

Recommended for: 8th

Spy School (series)

By Stuart Gibbs

Favorite Part: In the first book, I really loved how cool Erica seemed and how Benjamin was really surprised!

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th

Firekeeper's Daughter

By Angeline Boulley

Favorite Part: The main character's decision to follow a less-traveled and more meaningful route in her life.

Recommended for: 8th

Lockwood and Co.

By Jonathan Stuart

Favorite Part: The scene where something is gushing from the ceiling and creeping down the walls.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Shadow and Bone

By Leigh Bardugo

Favorite Part: When Shadow Fold goes away.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

Six of Crows

By Leigh Bardugo

Favorite Part: Breaking Kuwait out of the ice court. And the intro chapter where Inej is watching Kaz make a deal at the Barrel.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

King of Scars

By Leigh Bardugo

Favorite Part: When Darkling gets what he deserves.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

Girl, Forgotten

By Karin Slaughter

Favorite Part: The ending, plot twist!! (No spoilers!)

Recommended for: 8th

Children of Blood and Bone

By Tomi Adeyemi

Favorite Part: My favorite part of the book was when the maggots got to use their magic.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

Out of My Mind

By Sharon M. Draper

Favorite Part: The ending.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th

Crime and Punishment

By Fyodor Dostoevsky

Favorite Part: The whole book.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

Ender's Game (and the rest of the series and spin-offs)

By Orson Scott Card

Favorite Part: I like how the author portrays aliens, and how they aren't based off humans and human views of the world (or at least as little as possible).

Recommended for: 5th

The Hunger Games (series)

By Suzanne Collins

Favorite Part: It's action-packed, suspenseful, and has page-turning qualities. It features romance, betrayal, and death. My favorite book in the series is Mockingjay, the last book. It's arguably the most emotional and heartbreaking in the series, which makes it a particularly good read, where its story and wisdom lingers weeks after you finish.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians

By Brandon Sanderson

Favorite Part: The way it ends.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

The Violin Conspiracy

By Brendan Slocumb

Favorite Part: When the main character learns that his violin is a Stradivarius violin, appraised at over 10 million dollars.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

November 9: A Novel

By Colleen Hoover

Favorite Part: When Fallon and Ben finally get together.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

Shark Wars

By EJ Altbacker

Favorite Part: All the wars.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

Adventures of Tom Sawyer

By Mark Twain

Favorite Part: Hijinks and shenanigans on every page.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th

Little Brother

By Corey Doctorow

Favorite Part: Battling the (scarily accurate) surveillance state.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

Wool

By Hugh Howey

Favorite Part: Every part of female empowerment! And, nothing is what it seems!

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

The Outsiders

By S.E. Hinton

Favorite Part: "Nothing gold can stay," - Enough said.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

American Born Chinese

By Gene Luen Yang

Favorite Part: Self-discovery, acceptance, validation and kindness! This is a lovely graphic novel that's been turned into a Disney+ TV show!

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

The Last Days of the Dinosaurs

By Riley Black

Favorite Part: Won Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books 2023.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

The Inheritance Games

By Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Favorite Part: All of the fantastic gothic descriptions and curious adventures! The puzzles are as fun as the setting.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

Great Adaptations: Star-Nosed Moles, Electric Eels, and Other Tales of Evolution's Mysteries Solved

By Kenneth Catania

Favorite Part: Won Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books 2022.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Keeper of the Lost Cities (series)

By Shannon Messenger

Favorite Part: CHAPTER 42/43 - Stellarlune.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Haroun and the Sea of Stories

By Salman Rushdie

Favorite Part: Similes and metaphors abound, similes and metaphors profound!

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

By Holly Jackson

Favorite Part: The entire thing is amazing. I especially love when everything is revealed.

Recommended for: 8th

The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (series)

By Michael Scott

Favorite Part: Michael Scott took history, then either added-on or debunked it.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Warrior Cats (all books in the several series)

By Erin Hunter

Favorite Part: Everything, especially the different views of each cat of the different clans.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Front Desk

By Kelly Yang

Favorite Part: The part when she stops doubting herself.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Room to Dream

By Kelly Yang

Favorite Part: The part where a huge hotel moves next door to the Calvista (their motel)! No spoilers!

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Key Player

By Kelly Yang

Favorite Part: The Women's World Cup and learning about some of the challenges.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Three Keys

By Kelly Yang

Favorite Part: Friendship.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Jacky Ha-Ha (series)

By James Patterson

Favorite Part: How funny it is.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th

Break the Fall

By Jennifer Iacopelli

Favorite Part: All the things going on at once!

Recommended for: 6th, 7th

The End of the Perfect 10: The Making and Breaking of Gymnastics' Top Score

By Dvora Meyers

Favorite Part: The insight into the sport of gymnastics.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance

By Simone Biles

Favorite Part: The whole story.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

TBH (series): This Is So Awkward, This May Be TMI, and Too Much Drama

By Lisa Greenwald

Favorite Part: How hysterical the whole series is.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th

Treasure Hunters (series)

By James Patterson

Favorite Part: All the books in the series.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Becoming Muhammad Ali: A Novel

By James Paterson and Kwame Alexander

Favorite Part: Learning about Muhammad Ali's childhood.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th