

# 2020 Aqsa Summer Reading List

**Directions:** You must choose from the list for your grade. Please do not read books that are for other grades. If you choose a book not on this list, it must be Islamically appropriate, and you must get your parent's approval by submitting the signed slip at the bottom of this page. Books with the \* are recommended for readers who enjoy a challenge because they often appear on recommended reading lists for Honors or AP courses.

## Going into Sixth Grade

1. *Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry
2. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan \*
3. *Rules* by Cynthia Lord

## Going into 7th

1. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
2. *Listening to Lions* by Gloria Whelan
3. *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett \*

## Going into 8th

1. *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
2. *Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke
3. *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery\*

## Going into Ninth Grade

1. *Tasting the Sky* by Ibtisam Barakat
2. *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
3. *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens\*

## Going into Tenth Grade

1. *Ask Me No Questions* by Marina Budhos
2. *House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros\*
3. *Girl in a Cage* by Jane Yolen

## Going into 11th Grade

1. *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
2. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë\*
3. *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

## Going into 12th Grade

1. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë\*
2. *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
3. *Other Side of the Sky* by Farah Ahmed

**In addition, 11th/12th graders taking AP Language must read *The Color of Water* by James McBride.** You do not need to blog about this book, but you should take notes as you read. The first in-class essay of the year will be based on this book.



**Parent signed permission slip is required if you are not choosing from your grade's list:**

I give my permission for my daughter (student's name) \_\_\_\_\_ in grade \_\_\_\_\_  
to read (book's title)\* \_\_\_\_\_ by (author) \_\_\_\_\_

Even though this book isn't on the above list, I believe it is Islamically appropriate for my child to read and complete their summer reading responses about this novel.

**Parent's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Reading Blog Directions:

*To motivate you this summer, we want you to blog about your book as you read. You will need to make five short blog posts in a summer connection Google Classroom. Your English teacher will review your blog and give you a grade based on the rubric linked below. The posts will not take long, so try to complete them as you read the book, or you may forget the details you need for your entry.*

- Select a book from the recommended reading list or get your parents' approval to read a book that isn't on the list.
- Use this join code for the Summer Reading Google Classroom: **67ija5f**
- After you enter the Google Classroom, look under the tab "Classwork." Use the shortcuts on the left to find the blog writing prompts for your grade level and respond.
- If the post asks you for a "vlog" or a verbal response using the app Flipgrid, it is okay if you wish to cover your face using a sticker or emoji. Showing your face will help your teacher get to know you, but it is optional.
- Finish reading your book and complete all your posts before the first day of school! You will NOT be given class time to complete this reading assignment during the school year, so don't forget to put it on your summer to-do list.
- If you have any questions email Mrs. Hartin at **shartin@aqsa.edu**

**Blog Post Grading Criteria:** [http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/31058\\_rubric.pdf](http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/31058_rubric.pdf)

