

**South Charlotte Middle School**  
**Summer Reading List 2018-2019**  
**8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Expected Reading for ALL Classes:**

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

It was a dark and stormy night; Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger...

*Students will be assessed on this book. Additionally, it will be used to introduce archetypes, as well as review basic literary elements such as character, plot, theme, and figurative language. Please be aware, although there is a movie version, it is very different from the book. It will not help, but may actually hurt you, on the book assessment. Taking notes **or** annotating your own copy is highly recommended.*

**Choices:**

Choose at least one book from the list for your class.

You will be assessed on your choice. If you read two, you may test on the book of your choice or test on both and take the higher of the two grades.

**HONORS**

1. *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
2. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
3. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

**STANDARD**

1. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers
3. *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

\*All students will begin the year by reading *How to Read Literature Like a Professor: For Kids* by Thomas C Foster. We will be referencing this book all year, and it is highly recommended that students have their own copy. Please be sure to have the **FOR KIDS** version of the book. The ISBN numbers are provided below:

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