

Students will read one book from each section. You must read the all-school read and the book from your class lists, then choose two other books. A recommendation list by grade is provided with links to descriptions, but any book may be read.

1. All-School Read

[Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...And Maybe the World](#)

by William H. McRaven

In May of 2014 Admiral William H. McRaven addressed the graduating class of the University of Texas at Austin on their Commencement day. The speech included 10 principles he learned during Navy Seal Training and it is available on YouTube. It was seen by Hillside Students as a precursor to our Speaker Series two years ago. Here, McRaven elaborates on where the 10 lessons came from in a deeper way.

2. Class Lists

Read the required book for your grade. These books will tie into English classes in the Fall.

5th and 6th Grade

[Lawn Boy](#) Gary Paulsen

7th Grade

[The City of Ember](#) Jeanne DuPrau

8th Grade

[The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights](#) Steve Sheinkin

9th Grade

[Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team](#) Steve Sheinkin

3. Recommendation List

The following recommendations are divided into suggested grade levels. If a book looks interesting and it's not at your grade level or not on this list— READ IT!

Teacher Favorites

[And Then There Were None](#) Agatha Christie

[Smile](#) Raina Telgemeier

[The Crossover](#) Kwame Alexander

[The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat](#) Oliver Sacks

[Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein](#) Susan Goldman Rubin

[Bomb](#) Steve Sheinkin

[Trapped](#) Mark Aronson

[Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy](#) Douglas Adams

[The Color of Magic](#) Terry Pratchett

[The Boundless](#) Kenneth Oppel

8th and 9th Books

[Eleven Seconds](#) Travis Roy

[The Golden Compass](#) Philip Pullman

[Divergent](#) Veronica Roth

[The Color of Water](#) James McBride

[Ender's Game](#) Orson Scott Card *

[Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-year-old GI](#) Ryan Smithson

[Hiroshima](#) John Hersey

[iBoy](#) Kevin Brooks

[Moneyball](#) Michael Lewis

[Twisted](#) Laurie Halse Anderson

[Trapped](#) Michael Northrop

[The Natural](#) Bernard Malamud

[The Nick Adams Stories](#) Ernest Hemingway

[Old School](#) Tobias Wolff

[Rule of the Bone](#) Russell Banks

[True Legend](#) Mike Lupica

[The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes](#) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (ESL Recommendation)

[The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal](#) Nicholas Flamel Michael Scott *

[The Art of Keeping Cool](#) Janet Taylor Lisle (Scott O'Dell Award)

[Chasing Lincoln's Killer](#) James L. Swanson
[Dodger](#) Terry Pratchett
[Endangered](#) Eliot Schrefer
[Fallen Angels](#) Walter Dean Myers
[Fever 1793](#) Laurie Halse Anderson
[The Hobbit or There and Back Again](#) J.R.R. Tolkien
[Million Dollar Throw](#) Mike Lupica
[Over Sea, Under Stone](#) Susan Cooper
[Samurai Shortstop](#) Alan Gratz
[Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World](#) Jennifer Armstrong
[Zen and the Art of Faking It](#) Jordan Sonnenblick
[Across Five Aprils](#) Irene Hunt
[Beardance](#) Will Hobbs
[Code Talker](#) Joseph Bruchac
[War Horse](#) Michael Morpurgo (ESL Recommendation)
[Darius & Twig](#) Walter Dean Myers
[That Was Then, This is Now](#) S.E. Hinton
[The Book Thief](#) Markus Zusak
[1984](#) George Orwell
[Persepolis](#) Marjane Satrapi

7th Books

[Boy](#) Roald Dahl
[War Horse](#) Michael Morpurgo
[The Misfits](#) James Howe
[Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune](#) Pamela S. Turner
[Booked](#) Kwame Alexander
[True Legend](#) Mike Lupica
[Heat](#) Mike Lupica
[Inside Out and Back Again](#) by Thanhha Lai
[Alabama Moon](#) Watt Key
[The Blackheart's Legacy](#) Sally Copus

[The Boy Who Dared](#) Susan Campbell Bartoletti
[George Washington, Spymaster](#) Thomas B. Allen
[Hockey Player for Life](#) Howard Shapiro
[Iron Thunder: The Battle Between the Monitor and the Merrimac](#) Avi
[Navigating Early](#) Clare Vanderpool
[The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts](#) Richard Peck
[Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting](#) Jim Murphy
[Warriors Don't Cry](#) Melba Pattillo Beals

5th and 6th Books

[Knucklehead](#) Jon Scieszka
[Because of Mr. Terupt](#) Rob Buyea
[The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind](#) William Kamkwamba (young readers ed.)
[The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard](#) Tim Howard (young readers ed.)
[The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary](#) Laura Shovan
[Stargirl](#) by Jerry Spinelli
[Rules](#) by Cynthia Lord
[Paperboy](#) by Vince Vawter
[Esperanza Rising](#) by Pam Munoz Ryan
[Wonder](#) by R. J. Palacio
[The One and Only Ivan](#) by Katherine Applegate
[A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story](#) by Linda Sue Park
[Out of My Mind](#) by Sharon M. Draper
[The Boys in the Boat](#) Daniel James Brown
[No Excuses: The True Story of a Congenital Amputee Who Became a Champion in Wrestling and in Life](#) Kyle Maynard
[The Most Important Thing](#) Avi
[Steve Jobs: Insanely Great](#) Jessie Hartland (graphic novel)
[The Rain Wizard](#) Larry Dane Brimner
[Biosphere 2: Earth Science Under Glass](#) Mary Kay Carson
[Football Genius](#) Tim Green

