

## 2023 Middle School Summer Reading Assignments

### Rising 6th:

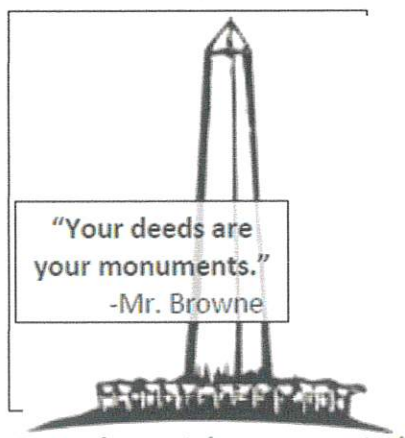
Read [Esperanza Rising](#) by Pam Muñoz Ryan

### Rising 7th:

1. **Must Do:** Read [The Wednesday Wars](#) by Gary Schmidt
2. **Optional Extra Credit (Returning Students Only):** Precept Postcard (**5pts** points added to your summer reading test in August)→ Reread the precepts generated by Mr. Browne's students at the back of the novel, *Wonder*. (Precepts are directions given as rules of action or conduct.)
  - a. Think about a message that you would choose to act on as your own personal precept. You must create your own personal precept to live by for the 2021-22 school year or borrow a quotation, song lyric, poem verse, etc. from someone else (as long as you give them credit for their work).
  - b. Although you may borrow an idea or quotation from another source, you may not use one of the precepts included in the novel.
  - c. Your precept about your beliefs and/or values should be: global, inspirational and/or motivational, and attributed to its source (you or another author).
  - d. You can design your postcard on the computer, buy one and write your precept on, or draw it yourself. Make sure you write a note explaining why you think the precept is an important rule to live by!
  - e. Once you have created your own precept to live by, write it on a postcard and mail it to: Mrs. Jordan, 830 West Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046

Example:

Front



Back

<p>Dear Mrs. Jordan, I think that "Your deeds are your monuments" is an important rule to live by. Monuments are left behind as a reminder of something or someone; they are what people are remembered for. Your deeds are your actions and accomplishments. I know that what I do in life is what I will be remembered for. When I think about that, I am inspired to do better and be better so that my monument is one I can be proud of! Sincerely, Student name</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 20px;">STAMP</div> <p>Mrs. Jordan 830 West Broad Street Falls Church, VA 22046</p>
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### Rising 8th:

**MUST DO:** READ *Ten Days in a Madhouse* by Nellie Bly (ISBN 1977939333)

- Amazon: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Barnes and Nobles: [CLICK HERE](#)

**Optional: Returning SJS Students Only Extra Credit (5pts) on your Summer Reading Test in August:** Complete 3 Dialectical Journal Entries (total). See template below. You may complete these digitally and email them to me ([ajordan@saintjamesesschool.org](mailto:ajordan@saintjamesesschool.org)) or you may write them on notebook paper and submit them on the first day of class.

Instructions: While we read, use the following template to keep a dialectical journal. Annotate the text. Use your annotation to identify the specific responses that you experience. Record those responses below and prepare to turn in on Schoology on the first day of school. Don't forget to add your page numbers after your passages and codes before your responses.

*Ten Days in a Madhouse* by Nellie Bly

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8th graders, Need more??

**Optional, NOT REQUIRED! READ:** *A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord

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Barnes and Nobles: [CLICK HERE](#)

Generate another Dialectical Journal for *A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord  
And receive an additional 5pts extra credit to be used at any point in Trimester 1.

*A Night to Remember* by Walter Lord

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