



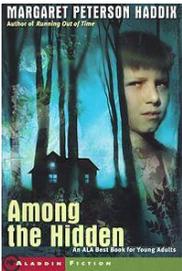
## Middle School Required Summer Reading 2017

The middle school Language Arts department is committed to encouraging a love for reading. We believe this emphasis is important in preparation for life in general, and specifically, for success in middle school and beyond! The books listed below have been selected as enrichment reading during the summer months. All students entering the SCA middle school are required to read the book selected for their grade level. Students will take a quiz over the main events and characters of the book in Reading class when they return to school during the first two weeks of the school year. Students are encouraged to take notes as they read or highlight to help them recall main events and characters. The teachers will do a review with the students prior to their quiz to help review and refresh the book if read earlier in the summer. Carefully, critically read your book, and enjoy it!

### Where to find the book?

Summer reading books are available for purchase through Amazon.com or other book stores/websites. Books are also available to check out at the local library, but copies are limited.

### Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders

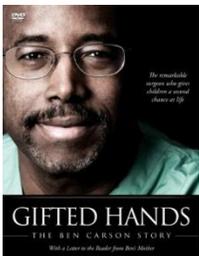


### *Among the Hidden (Shadow Children #1),*

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

**Summary:** Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he meets a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows -- does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?

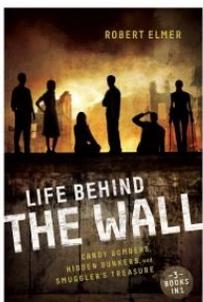
### Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders



### *Gifted Hands, the Ben Carson Story,* by Ben Carson, M.D.

**Summary:** Raised in the inner-city, Ben Carson lacked motivation, had terrible grades, a temper that threatened to put him in jail. But his mother convinced him he could make something of his life, even though everything around him said otherwise. Trust in God, a relentless belief in his own capabilities, and sheer determination catapulted Ben from failing grades to the directorship of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. This autobiography is inspiring.

### Rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders



### *Life Behind The Wall: Candy Bombers,* by Robert Elmer

**Summary:** This epic tale extends across generations and unfolds against the backdrop of a dangerous Cold War Berlin. This historically accurate, action-packed, three-books-in-one story features three generations of resourceful teens living in the shadow of the Berlin Wall. Students are required to read ONLY Candy Bombers. In spring 1948, teenage cousins Erich and Katarina are simply trying to survive in war-ravaged Berlin when the Soviets blockade the east side of the city, isolating its citizens—and starving them—behind the Iron Curtain. Follow their attempts for survival unfold. If you get hooked, you can read the next two books in the series!