

# Vineland Upper Academy Summer Reading Activities

2024-2025

All rising 6th–8th graders must read the two novels listed below. Studies show when students don't read over the summer, they lose core reading skills and fall behind when they return to school. Your teachers carefully selected two novels that will encourage reading, allowing you to gain the learning and reading skills needed to succeed in the upcoming school year. **You will be tested on the two novels upon your return to school. The test will take place on Friday, August 16th.**

## Required novels by grade level:

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders must read:

- *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders must read:

- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders must read:

- *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblink
- *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson