

Vineland Upper Academy Summer Reading Activities

2025-2026

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 15th.**

Required novels by grade level:

Rising 6th graders must read:

- *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
- *The Curse on Spectacle Key* by Chantel Acevedo

Rising 7th graders must read:

- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *The Curse on Spectacle Key* by Chantel Acevedo

Rising 8th graders must read:

- *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblink
- *The Curse on Spectacle Key* by Chantel Acevedo