



# Frances S. Tucker K-8 Center

## Summer Reading Assignments for Incoming Grades 6-8

(current 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders)

**Students are required to purchase a copy of the book for their incoming grade. They will use this book for class instruction during the 2025-2026 school year and take an end-of-novel test during the first weeks of school.**

**Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

**Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas by Frederick Douglas

**Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:** The Chosen by Chaim Potok

### Summer Reading Assignments

Complete one of the three assignments below. This assignment is due during the first week of school.

#### Storyboard Scenes

Divide the novel into key scenes and create storyboards (comic strips) for those scenes. Each panel will capture a significant moment, along with dialogue or narrative. You must include at least six scenes.

#### Creative Writing

Do a creative writing activity inspired by the novel in one or two pages. You can write one of the following: an alternate ending, prequel, sequel, or spin-off of the book featuring the characters from the book.

#### Song Studio

Write a playlist of 6 songs representing the novel's theme, characters, and mood. Write 1 paragraph per song explaining how each represents the novel.

