University School of the Lowcountry Intermediate School Summer Reading

Select at **least one book** from the 2024- 2025 SCISA Battle of the Books list below to read during the summer.

Choose one of the writing assignments due the first day of classes.

Letter: Write a letter to the author of the book. Tell them three things you really liked about the story. Ask three questions about the plot, characters, or anything else you're curious about.

Bookmark: Create a custom illustrated bookmark that includes drawings and words from either your favorite chapter or the entire book.

Diary Entry: Place yourselves in the shoes of one of the characters from the book and write a first-person diary entry of a critical moment from the story. Choose a moment in the story where the character has plenty of interaction and emotion to share in a diary entry.

Avi Bowling, Dusti	The Secret School Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus
Cole, Henry	A Nest for Celeste: a Story About Art Inspiration and the Meaning of Home
DiCamillo, Kate	The Tale of Despereaux
George, Jessica Day	Tuesdays at the Castle
Haddix, Margaret	Running Out of Time
Jamieson, Victoria	Roller Girl
Korman, Gordon	Slacker
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe
Lewis, Gill	Wild Wings
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh
Park, Linda	The Kite Fighters
Riley, James	Half Upon a Time #1
Rodkey, Geoff	We're Not from Here
Sachar, Louis	Sideways Stories from Wayside School
Shahan, Sherry	Frozen Stiff
Soontornvat, Christina	The Last Mapmaker
Stewart, Trenton	The Mysterious Benedict Society
Urban, Linda	A Crooked Kind of Perfect
Venkatraman, Padma	Bridge Home