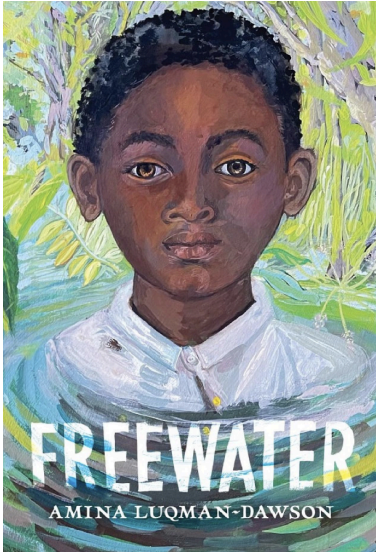


Middle School English Summer Reading 2024



This summer, the entire middle school will be reading a single book together: *Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson.

Freewater, a Newbery and Coretta Scott King award-winner and *New York Times* bestseller, is the story of twelve-year-old Homer who flees the plantation on which he is enslaved to live in a secret maroon community in the Great Dismal Swamp.

As your student reads *Freewater*, they should keep a page of notes, organized any way they would like. *Students will share these notes with their English teacher in the first week of school and use them in subsequent discussions and activities.*

These notes might include:

- Characters' names
- Questions that arise as they read
- Important objects or symbols in the book
- Significant settings
- Meaningful quotes from the text
- Illustrations
- Opinions about events in the story
- Things they learn through their reading
- A brief summary
- Connections between this book and their lives
- Connections between this book and other books, movies, television shows, etc.
- Unfamiliar or interesting words encountered in this book and their meanings
- A perspective or voice they think is missing in the story
- Anything else that feels interesting or important.

Notes may be on paper or digital. However, students will need to bring them on the first day of class.

On September 13, 2024, St. Michael's will host author Amina Luqman-Dawson in a full-day summer reading experience!

Please reach out to a middle school English teacher with questions regarding summer reading:

Rising 6th Grade: Bridget Young (byoung@stmschool.net)

Rising 7th and 8th Grades: Rebekah O'Dell (rodell@stmschool.net)