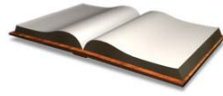


## **Arendell Parrott Academy Middle School**

### **2009 Summer Reading for 7th Graders**



Summer is a time to relax and enjoy a break from the academically regimented school year. However, it is important that students continue to read during the summer. Reading should be a pleasure; it opens new worlds, expands knowledge and vocabulary, and helps students become better writers.

This summer we are requiring all upcoming 7th graders to read *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson. This novel may be found in local libraries, or you may order it from any bookstore. The ISBN number is provided. During the first week of school, students will take a test on this required book which will count as a grade on the first marking period.

*Fever 1793* is about a 16-year-old Mattie Cook, whose mother and grandfather own a popular coffee house on High Street. Mattie's comfortable and interesting life is shattered by the epidemic, as her mother is felled and the girl and her grandfather must flee for their lives. Later, after much hardship and terror, they return to the deserted town to find their former cook, a freed slave, working with the African Free Society, an actual group who undertook to visit and assist the sick and saved many lives. As first frost arrives and the epidemic ends, Mattie's sufferings have changed her from a willful child to a strong, capable young woman able to manage her family's business on her own. This novel is filled with delightful imagery that moves the senses and engages the reader. Sit back; relax; and enjoy this wonderful story.

Additionally, we encourage students to read a minimum of 2 books from the 7th grade list. If parents verify on the bottom of this form that the student read 2 other books, he or she will receive extra credit on the first marking period. Seventh graders should return this form to Mrs. Basden during the *first week of school* in August.

#### **7th Grade Required Reading:**

*Fever 1793* - Laurie Halse Anderson  
ISBN-10: 0689848919

#### **Optional 7th Grade Reading:**

*The Lottery Rose* - Irene Hunt  
*Across Five Aprils* - Irene Hunt  
*Z for Zachariah* - Robert O'Brien  
*Witchcraft of Salem Village* – Shirley Jackson  
*Tituba of Salem Village* - Ann Petry  
*Harriet Tubman - Conductor on the Underground Railroad* - Ann Petry

*The Thief* - Megan Whalen Turner  
*Skellig* - David Almond  
*Kit's Wilderness* - David Almond  
*Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series - Rick Riordan  
*Among the Hidden* (1) – Margaret Peterson Haddux  
*Among the Imposters* (2) - Haddux  
*Among the Betrayed* (3) - Haddux  
*Just Ella* - Margaret P. Haddux  
*Number the Stars* - Lois Lowry  
*Deathwatch* - Robb White  
*Burning Up* - Caroline B. Cooney  
*Shade's Children* - Garth Nix  
*My Forbidden Face - Growing Up Under the Taliban:*  
*A Young Woman's Story* - Latifa  
*The Man Who Was Poe* - Avi

*Homeless Bird* - Gloria Whelan  
*The Big Field* - Mike Lupica  
*Speak* - Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Things Not Seen*- Andrew Clements  
*A Corner of the Universe*- Ann Martin  
*Elephant Run* - Roland Smith  
*The Wanderer* - Sharon Creech  
*Flipped* - Wendelin Van Draanen  
*The Backyard Tribe* - Neil Shulman  
*The Gadget* - Paul Zindel  
*Maus* - Art Spiegelman  
*Maus II* - Spiegelman  
*The Autobiography of Santa Claus* - as told to Jeff Guinn  
*The Slave Dancer* - Paula Fox  
*The Foxman* - Gary Paulsen  
*Maniac McGee* - Jerry Spinelli  
*Missing May* - Cynthia Rylant  
*Witch of Blackbird Pond* – Elizabeth George Speare  
*Lisa Bright and Dark* - John Neufeld  
*Lincoln, A Photobiography* - Russell Freedman  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* - Mildred Taylor  
*Born On A Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant* - Daniel Tammet  
*The Black Pearl* - Scott O'Dell  
*A Day No Pigs Would Die* – Robert Newton Peck  
*Voyage of the Frog* - Gary Paulsen  
*And Then There Were None (or Ten Little Indians)*- Agatha Christie  
*Murder on the Orient Express* - Christie  
*The Hostage* - Theodore Taylor  
*Hatching Magic* - Ann Downer  
*The Wave* - Todd Strasser  
*Farewell to Manzanar* – Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston  
*Milkweed* - Jerry Spinelli  
*Revenge of the Whale, The True Story of the Whaleship Essex* - Nathaniel Philbrick  
*When My Name Was Keoko* - Linda Sue Park  
*The O'Reilly Factor for Kids* – Bill O'Reilly & Charles Flowers  
*Trouble Don't Last* - Shelley Pearsall  
*Left for Dead (A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis)* - Pete Nelsen  
*Running Out of Time* - Margaret Peterson Haddux  
*Lord of the Deep* - Graham Salisbury  
*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* - Avi  
*In Defense of Liberty: The Story of America and the Bill of Rights* - Russell Freedman  
*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* - Jim Murphy  
*Ender's Game* - Orson Scott Card  
*The Trial (of Bruno Richard Hauptmann)* - Jen Bryant  
*Edgar Allan Poe: A Biography* - Milton Meltzer  
*The Royal Diaries - Anastasis, the Last Grand Duchess* - Carolyn Meyer

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* - John Boyne  
*Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time* - Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin  
*The Young Traveler's Gift: Seven Decisions That Determine Personal Success* - Andy Andrews  
*First You Have to Row a Little Boat: Reflections on Life & Living* - Richard Bode

**NOTE:** Book choices are approved for students based on reading level. Since students' levels of reading maturity vary, content supervision is left to parental discretion.

*Have a great*

*summer*



**READ!**

**Extra Credit Reading**

Please save this form and have your child return it during the first week of school in August.

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 In addition to the required book, my son/daughter has read the following selections from the list for extra credit:

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