

Eighth Grade Reading List

Required Summer Reading

ISBN: 978-0689853351 The Traitors' Gate-Avi

ISBN: 978-1-906332-59-4 Great Expectations-Charles Dickens (available July 2009)

Students will be tested on these books at the beginning of school. Students will receive extra credit if they read at least two additional books from the list below and have parents sign the attached form at the bottom of this list. Students **must** return this verification the first week of class.

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

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Firestorm-Klass

People of Ember-Dyson

Rash-Hautman

The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy-Adams

Watership Down-Adams

The Mists of Avalon-Bradley

The Once and Future King-T.H.White

The Search for King Arthur-Day

The Waterless Sea or any in this trilogy-Constable

The Last Book in the Universe-Philbrick

Airborn-or Skybreaker, or Starclimber-Oppel (trilogy)

Skybreaker-Oppel

Things Not Seen-Clements

Things Hoped For-Clements

Elsewhere-Zelvin

The Shadow of Malabron-Wharton

Any book from the Garth Nix trilogy

East-Edith Pattou

Once Upon a Marigold-Jean Ferris (or the sequel Twice Upon a Marigold)

Airman-Eoin Colfer

The Savage Damsel and the Dwarf (or others in series) Gerald Morris

The Graveyard Book-Neil Gaiman

How to Ditch Your Fairy-Justine Larbalestier

The Savage-David Almond

The Hunger Games-Suzanne Collins

The House of Scorpion-Nancy Farmer

Historical and Multicultural Fiction

Wait for Me-Na

Copper Sun-Draper

The Loud Silence of Francine Green-Cushman

The Bonesetter's Daughter-Cushman

My Friend the Enemy-Cheaney
Monkey Town-Kidd
Leonardo's Shadow-Grey
SOS Titanic-Bunting
Daughter of Venice-Napoli
The Smile-Donna Jo Napoli
The Dark Child-Laye
Nectar in a Sieve-Markondaya
A Murder for Her Majesty-Hilgartner
A Single Shard-Pack
Shadow Spinner-Feltcher
A Step from Heaven-An Na
New Found Land: Wolf
Two Loves of Will Shakespeare-Lawlor
Anila's Journey-Finn
No Shame, No Fear-Turnbull
The Highwayman's Footsteps-Morgan
The Highwayman's Curse-Morgan
Ellen's People-Hamley
Divided Loyalties-Hamley
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village-Schlitz
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian-Alexie
Conceit-Novik
Uprising-Margaret Peterson
Devil on my Heels-Joyce McDonald
Mystery for Thoreau-Farrar

Verse

Braid-Frost
Castles: Old Stone Polems-Lewis, Dotlich, and Kai
Aleutian Sparrow-Hesse
A Wreath for Emmett Till-Nelson
Ludie's Life-Rylant
Your Own, Sylvia: A Verse Portrait of Sylvia Plath-Hemphill
Sold-Patricia McCormick
Love that Dog-Sharon Creech
Hate that Cat-Sharon Creech
Keesha's House-Helen Frost
Heart to Heart: New Poems Inspired by 20th century American Art-Jan Greenberg
Side by Side-New Poems Inspired by Art from Around the World-Jan Greenberg
Witness-Karen Hesse
Shakespeare Bats Cleanup-Ron Koertge
More Than Friends-Sara Holbrook and Allan Wolf
Love that Dog-Sharon Creech
Hate that Cat-Sharon Creech

Nonfiction

Raucous Royals-Carlyn Beccia
Devil on Trial: Witches, Anarchist, Atheists, Communists, & Terrorists in America's
Courtrooms-Phillip Margulies and Masxine Rosaler
Up Close: John Steinbeck- or any of the Up Close series -Milton Meltzer
I'll Pass for Your Comrade-Anita Silvey
Knucklehead-Jon Scieszka
Jim Thorpe: Original All-American-Bruchac
Oh Rats-Marrin
One Kingdom: Our Lives with Animals-Noyes
Having Our Say-The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years-Delany
Flags of Our Fathers-Bradley and Powers
Sitting Bull and his World-Marrin
George Washington and the Founding of a Nation-Marrin
We Were There, Too! Young People in US History-Farrar
The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt-Payne
Profiles in Courage-Kennedy
The Autobiography of Malcolm X-Haley
Swimming to Antarctica-Cox
Left for Dead-Nelson
The Forbidden School House-Jurmain
Twelve Rounds to Glory: the Story of Muhammid Ali-Smith
The Big Book of Dummies, Rebels and Other Geniuses, Jean-Bernard Pouy

North Carolina Writers

Walking Across Egypt-Edgerton
I Am One of You Forever-Chappell
Ellen Foster-Gibbons
The Life all Around Me by Ellen Foster-Gibbons
July 7th-McCorkle

Fiction

The Willoughbys-Lois Lowry
Vanishing Act-Feinstein
Cover-up-Feinstein
Born to Rock-Korman
Son of the Mob-Korman
Schooled-Korman
Son-of the Mob: Hollywood Hustle-Korman
Juvie Three-Korman
Swindle-Korman
Standing Against the Wind-Jones
Two Loves of Will Shakespeare-Lawlor
Street Love-Meyers
Heat-Lupica
Cyrano-McCaughrean
Book Thief-Zusak
A Brief Chapter in my Impossible life-Reinhardt

The Young Man and the Sea-Philbrick
Pirates-Rees
Witch Child-Rees
Out of the Fire-Frose
The King of Slippery Falls-Hite
Fish-Matthews
Postcards from No Man's Land-Chambers
The Red Badge of Courage-Crane
Operation Red Jericho-Mowill
Operation Typhoon Shore-Mowill
Code Orange-Cooney
Diamonds in the Shadow-Cooney
Second Sight-Blackwood
Peter and the Starcatchers-Barry,Pearson
Zap-Fleishman
The Secret Life of Bees-Kidd
Al Capone Does My Shirts-Choldenko
Yoss-Hirsch
Woman in White-Collins
Gym Candy-Carl Deuker
Peeled-Joan Bauer
Repossed-A.M. Jenkins
The Wednesday Wars-Gary Schmidt
Let it Snow-John Green
Paper Towns-Green
Ark Angel-Horowitz
Writing on the Wall-Lichtman
This Full House or any book in the Make Lemonade trilogy-Virginia Wolff

Graphic Novels

Sandman-Neil Gaiman
The Plain Janes-Cecil Castellucci
Fagin the Jew: A Graphic Novel-Will Eisner
In the Shadow of Edgar Allan Poe-Jonathan Scott
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow-
Fables-Legends in Exile-Bill Willingham
Ranma ½: Volume 1-Rumiko Takahashi
Odysseus and the Cyclops-Gilly Cameron Cooper
Merchant of Venice-Gareth Hinds
Beowulf-Gareth Hinds
American Born Chinese-Gene Leun Yang

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENT

My child _____ read

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Signature _____ Date _____