

Middle School Reading

The very best way to improve reading is by... reading! The challenge this summer is to read as much as possible. I hope you try some authors and genres that you may be less familiar with. You never know what you may discover about the world and yourselves.

For those entering Grade 8, read 800 pages for an A test grade, 700 pages for a B, and 600 for a C. If you read over 900 pages, you will receive an A+.

For those entering Grade 7, read 700 pages for an A test grade, 600 for a B, and 500 for a C. If you read over 800 pages, you will receive an A+.

For those entering Grade 6, read 600 pages for an A test grade, 500 for a B, and 400 for a C. If you read over 700 pages, you will receive an A+.

For those entering Grade 5, read 500 pages for an A test grade, 400 for a B, and 300 for a C. If you read over 600 pages, you will receive an A+.

For all classes, you must at least read the minimum amount. Complete the reading log sheet, sign it and have a parent sign it, and return it on the first day of school. Have a great summer!

Summer Reading Choices

Anything by C.S. Lewis
Anything by J.R.R. Tolkien
Anything by Mark Twain
Anything by Charles Dickens
Anything by Louisa May Alcott
Anything by L. M. Montgomery
Anything by Jane Austen
Anything by any of the Bronte sisters
Anything by Mike Lupica (Choose one only for the summer reading, and choose other authors for the balance.)
Anything by Sharon Creech
The Holy Bible

A-B

Adams, Richard. *Watership Down*
Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Fever 1793*
Avi. *Nothing but the Truth*
Bascomb, Neal. *Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi*
Bauer, Joan *Hope Was Here*
Bishop, Claire. *Twenty and Ten*
Blos, Joan. *A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal*
Bond, Douglas. *Guns of Thunder*
Bond, Douglas. *Rebel's Keep*

Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*
Bradbury, Ray. *The Martian Chronicles*

C

Calabro, Marian. *The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party*
Carter, Alice. *The American Revolution*
Chesterton, G. K. *The Best of Father Brown*
Chesterton, G. K. *The Complete Father Brown*
Collier, James Lincoln and Collier, Christopher. *My Brother Sam Is Dead*
Collins, David. *Noah Webster: Master of Words*
Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Last of the Mohicans*
Cox, Clinton. *Mark Twain*
Cox, Clinton. *Undying Glory: True Story of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment*
Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud Not Buddy*

D

Dafoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*
DeKruif, Paul. *Microbe Hunters*
The Collected Poems of Emily Dickinson
Dowell, Frances O’Roark. *dovey coe*
Dumas, Alexandre. *The Three Musketeers*
Dumas, Alexandre. *The Count of Monte Cristo*
Du Maurier, Daphne. *Rebecca*

F

Farmer, Nancy. *The House of Scorpion*
Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*
Forbes, Esther. *Paul Revere and the World He Lived In*
Foster, Genevieve. *George Washington’s World*
Fox, Paula. *Slave Dancer*
The Diary of Anne Frank
Freedman, Russell. *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*
Fritz, Jean. *The Double Life of Pocahontas*
Fritz, Jean. *Why Not, Lafayette?*
The Collected Poems of Robert Frost

G

George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*
Gilbreth & Carey. *Cheaper By the Dozen*
Green, Bette. *The Summer of My German Soldier*

H

Hamilton, Edith. *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*
Henry, O. *The Best Short Stories of O. Henry*
Hesse, Karen. *Out of the Dust*
Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*
Hugo, Victor. *Les Miserables*

I-J-K

Irving, Washington. *Rip Van Winkle*
Irving, Washington. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*
Jacques, Brian. *Marlfox*
Juster, Norton *The Phantom Tollbooth*
Kaufman, Lisa Rein with Lois Metzger. *The Hidden Girl: A True Story of the Holocaust*
Kipling, Rudyard. *Captains Courageous*
Kipling, Rudyard. *The Jungle Book*
Kjelgaard, James. *Big Red*

L

Lasky, Kathryn. *Jahanara: Princess of Princesses*
Latham, Jean Lee. *This Dear-Bought Land*
Lawton, Wendy. *The Captive Princess*
Lawton, Wendy. *The Tinker's Daughter*
Lobel, Anita. *No Pretty Pictures*

M

Marrin, Albert. *Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy*
Marshall, Catherine. *Christy*
McPherson, Joyce. *The Ocean of Truth: The Story of Isaac Newton*
Murphy, Jim. *A Young Patriot*

O

O'Dell, Scott. *Sarah Bishop*
O'Dell, Scott. *Streams to the River, River to the Sea*
O'Grady, Captain Scott. *Basher Five*
O'Hara, Mary. *My Friend Flicka*
Orwell, George. *Animal Farm*
Orczy, Emmuska. *The Scarlet Pimpernel*

P

Paterson, Katherine. *Bread and Roses, Too*
Paton, Alan. *Cry, the Beloved Country*
Philbric, Rodman. *Freak the Mighty*

R

Rawlings, Marjorie. *The Yearling*
Reiss, Johanna. *The Upstairs Room*
Remarque, Erich Maria. *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Reynolds, Quentin. *The Wright Brothers*
Roosevelt, T. and Lodge, H. *Hero Tales from American History*
Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Esperanza Rising*

S

Savery, Constance. *The Reb and the Redcoats*
Schanzer, Rosalyn. *How We Crossed the West*
Scott, Sir Walter. *Ivanhoe*
Serraillier, Ian. *Escape From Warsaw*
Severance, John. *Thomas Jefferson: Architect of Democracy*
Sorensen, Virginia. *Miracles on Maple Hill*
Speare, Elizabeth George. *Calico Captive*
Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Bronze Bow*

Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Sign of the Beaver*
Sperry, Armstrong. *All Sail Set*
Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee*
Steele, William. *We Were There on the Oregon Trail*
Sterling, Dorothy. *Freedom Train*
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Kidnapped*
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island*

T

Taylor, Mildred. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
Taylor, Theodore. *Air Raid—Pearl Harbor!*
Taylor, Theodore. *The Cay*
ten Boom, Corrie. *The Hiding Place*
Trapp, Maria Augusta. *The Story of Trapp Family Singers*

V-W-Y-Z

Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Bound for Oregon*
Vaughn, David. *Give Me Liberty*
Verne, Jules. *Around the World in Eighty Days*
Washington, Booker T. *Up from Slavery*
Wells, H. G. *War of the Worlds*
White, T. H. *The Sword in the Stone*
Williams, Laura E. *Behind the Bedroom Wall*
Winik, Jay. *April 1865: The Month That Saved America*
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*
Yates, Elizabeth. *Amos Fortune, Free Man*
York, Alvin. *Sergeant York and the Great War*
Zindel, Paul. *Gadget*

Some of these texts deal with important and difficult issues such as slavery, abuse, persecution, and war. Please preview the selections to be sure you feel your child's choices are appropriate for him or her.

Thank you,

Mrs. Cobb

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