

June 2017



Dear Middle School Parents:

Summer is upon us, and it is time for the incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to consider what books they will be reading to increase their word power and genre experience. The list on the next page includes the required reading for the summer as well as choices for two additional books that must be read. Please choose books by different authors to broaden your student's literary experience.

These Accelerated Reader books can be obtained from a local library, a bookstore, online, or the school library. We have an AR test for any choice on the list, and the AR points gained from summer reading will be factored into the student's Accelerated Reading goal. During the first week of school, students must give Mrs. Ha a list of the books read. Students have a choice of coming in during summer school hours to take an AR test on each book when they have finished reading it, or they may wait and take the test during the first week back to school. If a test is not taken, a book report of three paragraphs will be required upon returning to school.

Students need to be prepared for assignments in Literature as well as Writing regarding the required summer reading book. If the required book is read at the beginning of summer, it will be necessary to review it at or near the beginning of school in order to be prepared for these assignments. Mrs. Hastings suggests purchasing a paperback copy of the book so your student can highlight important facts, events, and new vocabulary words as well as write notes in the margins.

We strongly encourage you to have your child begin reading these books immediately, and not save the reading for the end of the summer. Some books could also be a great "family read" which would allow for discussion and increased comprehension. Benefits to reading aloud:

- Promotes family unity and learning
- Demonstrates that parents also value books
- Listening level is usually higher than reading level, therefore challenging vocabulary and intriguing topics can better be understood
- Parents can read the books they never took the time to read as students
- Encourages students to become life-time readers
- Reading together makes it fun! No one misses out on some other activity because all are enjoying the same pastime.

Reading List for Summer 2017



Incoming 6th Grade: by Norton Juster (7 pts.)

Required:

The Phantom Tollbooth

Incoming 7th Grade: by James Barrie (8 pts.)

Required:

Peter Pan (Unabridged)

Incoming 8th Grade: by Mark Twain (12 pts.)

Required:

Tom Sawyer (Unabridged)

Recommendation List for ALL Grades

(Choose a book at your level or slightly challenging)

<i>Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson</i>	by Berry Denenberg	(3 pts.)
<i>Merchant of Venice</i>	by William Shakespeare	(4 pts.)
<i>Amos Fortune, Free Man</i>	by Elizabeth Yates	(5 pts.)
<i>The Incredible Journey</i>	by Sheila Burnford	(5 pts.)
<i>Daddy Long Legs</i>	by Jean Webster	(6 pts.)
<i>The Pushcart War</i>	by Jean Merrill	(6 pts.)
<i>Julie of the Wolves</i>	by Jean Craighead George	(6 pts.)
<i>The Red Pony</i>	by John Steinbeck	(6 pts.)
<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>	by James Christopher Collier	(7 pts.)
<i>Slob</i>	by Potter	(7 pts.)
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	by Ray Bradbury	(7 pts.)
<i>The Black Stallion</i>	by Walter Farley	(7 pts.)

<i>The Giver</i>	by Lois Lowry	(7 pts.)
<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i>	by John Boyne	(7 pts.)
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	by Madeline L'Engle	(7 pts.)
<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	by Christopher Paul Curtis	(8 pts.)
<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>	by Stephen Crane	(8 pts.)
<i>Peak</i>	by Smith	(9 pts.)
<i>Captains Courageous</i>	by Rudyard Kipling	(9 pts.)
<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	by Agatha Christy	(9 pts.)
<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>	by Elizabeth George Speare	(9 pts.)
<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>	by Mildred D. Taylor	(10 pts.)
<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	by Irene Hunt	(10 pts.)
<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i>	by Katherine Paterson	(10 pts.)
<i>A Separate Peace</i>	by John Knowles	(10 pts.)
<i>Hound of the Baskervilles and Others</i>	by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	(11 pts.)
<i>House of Dies Drear</i>	by Virginia Hamilton	(11 pts.)
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	by Wilson Rawls	(11 pts.)
<i>Story of My Life</i>	by Helen Keller	(12 pts.)
<i>Dragonwings</i>	by Laurence Yep	(12 pts.)
<i>A Little Princess</i>	by Frances Burnett	(12 pts.)
<i>Wednesday Wars</i>	by Gary D. Schmidt	(12 pts.)
<i>The Hiding Place</i>	by Corrie TenBoom	(13 pts.)
<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	by Esther Forbes	(13 pts.)
<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>	by Baroness Orczy	(15 pts.)
<i>Mrs. Mike</i>	by Benedict and Nancy Freedman	(16 pts.)
<i>Redwall</i>	by Brian Jacques	(16pts.)
<i>Anne of Green Gables (Unabridged)</i>	by L.M. Montgomery	(17 pts.)
<i>White Fang</i>	by Jack London	(18 pts.)
<i>The Yearling</i>	by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	(19 pts.)
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>	by Jules Verne	(20 pts.)
<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	by Betty Smith	(23 pts.)
<i>Lord of the Rings Trilogy(Choose one)</i>	by J.R.R. Tolkein	(23 pts)
<i>Life on the Mississippi</i>	by Mark Twain	(24 pts)
<i>The Odyssey</i>	by Homer	(24 pts.)
<i>Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch...</i>	by Gregory Maguire	(25 pts.)
<i>Christy</i>	by Catherine Marshall	(29 pts.)
<i>Little Women</i>	by Louisa May Alcott	(33 pts.)
<i>Oliver Twist (Unabridged)</i>	by Charles Dickens	(33 pts.)
<i>Jane Eyre (Unabridged)</i>	by Charlotte Bronte	(33 pts.)
<i>The Count of Monte Cristo (Abridged)</i>	by Alexandre Dumas	(34 pts.)