

## Middle School Summer Reading

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Requirements:**

Read two books from the lists below and keep written notes for every two chapters of each book to be handed in to Mrs. Mergner the first day of the 2017-2018 school year.

The written notes should reflect the following Reading comprehension strategies:

- ASK questions,
- STOP and evaluate what you read – does everything make sense?
- REREAD and clarify—check to make sure you understand what is happening in this story and write down important events that help you understand what is going on in the story.
- Visualize – draw a picture of a particular scene; describe the setting or scene.
- Make predictions based on clues; make inferences about what you have just read.
- Make connections – to self, to other forms of literature, and to the world (historical and contemporary situations), and to prior knowledge.
  - Have you any other experiences or knowledge of the kinds of situations the characters in your story are experiencing too?
  - Do you think you have ever felt the same way as the characters?
  - Have you seen a movie or read a story that reminds you of the events in the story you are reading?

### **SIXTH GRADE**

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen *The River* by Gary Paulsen

*Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

*Dragonwings* by Lawrence Yep

*The Slave Dancer* by Paula Fox

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke

*Harry Potter Series* by J. K. Rowling

*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

*Nancy Drew Series*

*Hardy Boy Series*

*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks

*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Seldon

*On the Court With ....Michael Jordan* by Matt Christopher

*Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George

*The Black Stallion (series)* by Walter Farley

*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks-

*The Return of the Indian* by Lynne Reid Banks-

*The Secret of the Indian* by Lynne Reid Banks-

*The Mystery of the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks-

*The Key to the Indian* by Lynne Reid Banks-

*Far North* by Will Hobbs

*How Angel Peterson Got His Name: and Other Outrageous Tales about Extreme Sports*  
By Gary Paulsen

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

*Amelia Earhart Courage in the Sky* by Mona Kerby

## **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Requirements:**

Read two books from the lists below and keep a **Double-Entry Journal** for every two chapters, e.g. read the first two chapters and pause to collect your thoughts. Reread and record in a format based on this sample (feel free to print out copies of this page or use loose leaf paper:

(<http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/printouts/DoubleEntry.pdf>).

In the left-hand column, note unknown vocabulary words, and significant quotes and/or events (textual references with parenthetical notation).

In the right-hand column, students should record their thoughts/reactions to what they have read using the following active reading skills:

- question,
- evaluate,
- clarify,
- visualize,
- make predictions based on clues,
- make connections – to self, to other forms of literature, and to the world (historical and contemporary situations), and to prior knowledge.

### **SEVENTH GRADE**

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson

*Knots in My Yo-Yo String* by Jerry Spinelli

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean George Craighead

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin (Difficult)

*The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell

*Nightjohn* by Gary Paulsen

*Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crowe* by James Sturm

*Mr. Tucket* by Gary Paulson

*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks

*The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy

*Hiroshima* by John Hersey

*Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse

*The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke

*Harry Potter Series* by J. K. Rowling

*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

*Far North* by Will Hobbs

*Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George *Park's Quest* by Katherine Patterson

*How Angel Peterson Got His Name: and Other Outrageous Tales about Extreme Sports*

By Gary Paulsen

### **EIGHTH GRADE**

*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes

*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

*Snow Falling in the Spring* by Li Moying

*Summer of My German Soldier* by Bette Greene

*Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crowe* by James Sturm

*My Brother Sam Is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*Mr. Tucket* by Gary Paulson

*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden

### **Eighth Grade Continues**

*I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov  
*Digger: The Tragic Fate of the California Indian* by Jerry Stanley  
*Hiroshima* by John Hersey  
*Touching Spirit Bear* by Mikkoelsen  
*The Thief Lord* by Connelia Funke  
*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Paperboy* by Vince Vawter  
Any of Matt Christopher Series – Sport Themes  
Once Came Home by Amy Timberlake  
Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm  
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse  
The Miracle Worker: A play by William Gibson  
The Boy in Striped Pajamas by John Boyne  
Crispin by Avi  
One Came Home, by Amy Timberlake  
Miss Hickory by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey  
Shadow Of A Bull by Maia Wojciechowska

Onion John by Joseph Krungold,

Wonder + The Julian Chapter by R.J. Palacio

Anne of Green Gables (series#1-6) by L.M. Montgomery

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Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Messenger by Lois Lowry

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Lyddie by Katherine Paterson

Jacob I Have Loved by Katherine Paterson

The Winter of Red Snow: The Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 1777 (*Dear America*) by Kristiana Gregory

Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catharine Carey Logan, Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania, 1763 (*Dear America*) by Mary Pope Osborne

The Girl Who Chased Away Sorrow: The Diary of Sarah Nita, a Navajo Girl (*Dear America*)  
by Ann Turner

Rosa Parks: My Story by Rosa Parks

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

Far North by Will Hobbs

The Miracle Worker by Anne Sullivan

Park's Quest by Katherine Patterson

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