

May 2010
Summer Reading for Grades 7-8

Purpose

The incoming 7th - 8th Grader will complete a summer reading program to maintain fluency and reading levels and to encourage independent reading.

Requirement I

The **incoming 7th grade** student must read at least one of the following books and prepare a book report that will be turned in during the first week of school. The student should also be prepared for a book talk with his teacher.

The **incoming 8th grade** student must read TWO books -- one from each group. There are two assessments: a book talk and a test. The student will prepare a book talk on ANY one of the five books. The book talk is due on the first DAY of school.

I. Book talk

- A. Be prepared to present one of the five books book to the class. Your book talk should be about 4-5 minutes. You will need to prepare carefully for this presentation. As you are reading, jot down quotations from the story that touch you or your heart. Use these quotations to prepare your book talk. You will introduce or SELL the book to the class and tell why you liked it. I want a book review; this book talk is NOT a plot summary.
- B. What was the most interesting quotation or paragraph in the book for you? Why did you choose this paragraph or quote? Explain how your quotations relate to you or to something else

- you have read or do they relate to the world?
1. C. Visual aids are required. These could include costumes or props from the story. Music, art or drama should be incorporated into your book talk.
 2. D. One notecard may be used.
- II. Test
- A. An open book objective test will be given. Bring your books to school the first week of school.

Requirement I Books

7th Grade:

Easier

Letters from Rifka Karen Hesse
Island of the Blue Dolphins Scott O'Dell
Any book by Virginia Hamilton
Any book by Richard Peck

Medium

Al Capone Does my Shirts Gennifer Cholenko
The Prince and the Pauper Mark Twain
Any book by Jean Craighead George
Any book by Lois Lowry
Tales of Narnia C.S. Lewis
The Hobbit J. R. R Tolkien

Challenging

Oliver Twist Charles Dickens
Red Badge of Courage Steven Crane
Jane Eyre Emily Bronte

8th Grade:

Group 1 - choose 1

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
by Mark Twain
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Group 2 - choose 1

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli
Down the Long Hills by Louis L'Amour
Izzy willy-nilly by Cynthia Voight

See other side for Requirement II

