

Incoming Eighth Graders

Summer Reading 2010

As language arts teachers, we want to emphasize the importance of reading as a skill in itself and as an indicator of future success. We also acknowledge the importance of summer as a time to relax and have fun for students as well as teachers. In order to prevent reading and fun from being mutually exclusive, we are not assigning a project or any specific materials to read. Instead, we encourage you to read material related to science and/or social studies topics you will be learning about in eighth grade. Science topics include: body systems, work, energy and motion, and chemistry. In social studies you will study the American West, immigration and reform, World War II, civil rights, Vietnam, and the Cold War of the 1980's. You may want to read some fiction and/or non-fiction related to these topics to spark your interest and help you make connections. In addition, if you enjoy a particular author, series, or subject, we strongly encourage you to read those as well.

We are also interested to learn about your summer reading experiences. Therefore, we ask you to complete the attached form as you read and bring it to language arts class on the second day of school.

Have a wonderful summer!

The Eighth Grade Language Arts Teachers

We are interested in the reading habits of our students; consider helping us out by filling out the form below as you read over the summer.

Books

Title	Author	# of Pages	Date Started	Date Completed

Magazines, Newspapers, Other

Title	How Often?

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Grade 8 Summer Reading Suggestions

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Fever 1793
Ransom
Peak
So B. It.
Inkheart
Twilight
Vampire High
Kira-Kira
Schooled
The City of Ember
Hush
Perfect
Stargirl
Monster
Uglies
Heat

Laurie Halse Anderson
Lois Duncan
Roland Smith
Sarah Weeks
Cornelia Funke
Stephenie Meyer
Douglas Rees
Cynthia Kadohata
Gordon Korman
Jeanne DuPrau
Jacqueline Woodson
Natasha Friend
Jerry Spinelli
Walter Dean Myers
Scott Westerfeld
Mike Lupica

SERIES

Artemis Fowl
The Shadow Children
Alex Rider Adventures
Harry Potter
Eragon
Princess Diaries
Sammy Keyes
Percy Jackson and The Olympians
On The Run
Chronicles of Ancient Darkness
Maximum Ride
The Starcatchers Trilogy

Erin Colfer
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Anthony Horowitz
J.K. Rowling
Christopher Paolini
Meg Cabot
Wendelin Van Draanen
Rick Riordan
Gordon Korman
Michelle Paver
James Patterson
Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

AUTHORS

Mike Lupica
Dan Gutman
Lauren Myracle
Scott Westerfeld
Paul Zindel

Caroline B. Cooney
Lisi Harrison
Nancy Farmer
Gordon Korman
Sarah Dessen

WEBSITES

<http://www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists.aspx>

<http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus>

<http://www.nutmegaward.org/>

<http://www.childrensliteratureassembly.org/>

<http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/booksprintmedia/childrenyngadults/index.cfm>

<http://www.teenreads.com>