



Make This a Summer of Relaxation and ... **READING!**

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Each student entering Grade 7 or Grade 8 must read a minimum of two books over the summer. The attached list provides many popular suggestions. However, students (and parents) are more than welcome to make other choices that suit their interests and reading ability. Parents, please take an active role in your children's reading choices; in fact, you might want to read the books first or read along with your son or daughter.

The main goal is to read, read, read throughout the lazy days of July and August.

Many of these suggested authors have written other wonderful books.
Don't be limited by the titles here.

Acampora, Paul - *Defining Dulcie*
 Albom, Mitch - *For One More Day*
 Almond, David - *Kit's Wilderness, Heaven Eyes*
 Anderson, Laurie Halse - *Speak*,
 Anderson, M.T. - *Feed*
 Avi - *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*,
 Never Mind (with Rachel Vail)
 Banks, Lynne Reid - *The Indian in the*
 Cupboard series
 Bauer, Joan - *Rules of the Road*
 Bishop, Claire Huchet - *Twenty and Ten*
 Bissinger, J.G. - *Friday Night Lights*
 Bloor, Edward - *Tangerine*
 Bowen, Fred - *Full Court Fever, Golden Glove*
 Brashares, Ann - *The Sisterhood of the*
 Traveling Pants series (4 books)
 Brooks, Bruce - *Moves Make the Man*
 Brouwer, Sigmund - "Sports Mysteries" series
 and "Short Cut Sports Mysteries"
 series

Brouwer, Susannah - *Lightning on Ice*
 Card, Orson Scott - *Ender's Game*
 Cheripko, Jan - *Imitate the Tiger*
 Chotjewitz, David - *Half Human*
 Christopher, Matt - *The Kid Who Only Hit*
 Homers
 Clements, Andrew - *A Week in the Woods*
 Cody, Elizabeth - *Libby B. on the Brink of Cool*
 Coffey, Eoin - *the "Artemis Fowl" books*
 Collier, James Lincoln Collier - *The Empty*
 Mirror
 Cooney, Caroline - *The Face on the Milk Carton*
 series, *Driver's Ed, Flash Fire*
 Cormier, Robert - *The Chocolate War, I Am*
 the Cheese
 Creech, Sharon - *Replay*
 Crutcher, Chris - *Ironman, Staying Fat for*
 Sarah Byrns, Running Loose
 Curtis, Christopher Paul - *Bud, Not Buddy*
 DeFelice, Cynthia - *Nowhere to Call Home*

Dessen, Sarah - *This Lullaby*
 Deuker, Carl - *On the Devil's Court, Painting the Black*
 DiCamillo, Kate - *Because of Winn-Dixie, Tale of Desperaux, The Tiger Rising*
 Dickinson, Peter - *Eva*
 Donnelly, Jennifer - *A Northern Light*
 Dowell, Frances O'Roark - *The Language of Girls*
 Duncan, Lois - *Ransom, The Third Eye*
 DuPrau, Jeanne - *City of Ember, The People of Sparks, The Prophet of Yonwood*
 Farmer, Nancy - *The Ear, the Eye and the Arm, House of the Scorpion*
 Funke, Cornelia - *Inkheart, Inkspell*
 Gallo, Donald R., ed. - *Sixteen*
 Giff, Patricia Reilly - *Pictures of Hollis Woods, A House of Tailors*
 Haddix, Margaret Peterson - *Among the Hidden* and sequels
 Hahn, Mary Downing - *The Gentleman Outlaw and Me - Eli*
 Harrison, Lisl - the "Clique" novels
 Hesse, Karen - *Witness*
 Hiaasen, Carl - *Hoot*
 Hinton, S.E. - *Rumblefish; That Was Then, This Is Now*
 Hopkins, Cathy - *Mates, Dates and Cosmic Kisses*
 Horowitz, Anthony - the "Alex Rider" series
 Konigsburg, E.L. - *A View from Saturday, The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place*
 Koss, Amy Goldman - *The Cheat*
 Korman, Gordon - *No More Dead Dogs, Son of the Mob*
 L'Engle, Madeline - *A Wrinkle in Time* and sequels
 Lewis, C.S. - *The Chronicles of Narnia*
 Lowenstein, Sallie - *Sender Unknown*
 Lowry, Lois - *The Giver, Gathering Blue, Messenger*
 Lynch, Chris - *Ice Man*
 Martin, Ann M. - *Here Today, A Corner of the Universe*
 Matas, Carol - *After the War*
 Mazer, Harry - *The Last Mission*
 McDaniel, Lurlene - books about kids facing illnesses
 McDonald, Joyce - *Swallowing Stones*
 Mikaelson, Ben - *Red Midnight, Touching Spirit Bear*
 Myers, Walter Dean - *Fallen Angel, Monster, Slam!*
 Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds - *Shiloh* books
 Nimmo, Jenny - the "Charlie Bone" books
 Nolan, Han - *Dancing on the Edge, Face in Every Window*
 O'Brien, Robert - *Z for Zachariah*
 Patterson, Katherine - *Bridge to Terabithia,, Jacob Have I Loved*
 Paulsen, Gary - any of the "Brian" books - except *Hatchet* (read in class)
 Peck, Richard - *A Long Way from Chicago, A Year Down Yonder*
 Philbrick, Rodman - *Freak the Mighty*
 Pierce, Tamora - *The Will of the Empress*
 Rennison, Louise - *Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging* and sequels
 Riordan, Rick - *The Lightning Thief*
 Rowling, J.K. - "Harry Potter" series
 Sachar, Louis - *Small Steps*
 Schumacher, Julie - *The Chain Letter*
 Schusterman, Neal - *Downsiders, The Shadow Club, The Schwa Was Here*
 Shan, Darren - *Cirque du Freak* series
 Shreve, Susan - *Under the Watson's Porch*
 Shriver, Maria - *And One More Thing Before You Go...*
 Spiegelman, Art - *Maus*
 Spinelli, Jerry - *Maniac Magee, Stargirl, Milkweed*
 Swallow, Pamela Curtis - *It Only Looks Easy*
 Taylor, Mildred - *The Land*
 Tolan, Stephanie S. - *Surviving the Applewaites*
 Tolkien, J.R.R. - "Lord of the Rings" trilogy and *The Hobbit*
 Van Draanen, Wendelin - *Flipped*
 Waite, Judy - *Shopaholic*
 Weeks, Sarah - *So B. It*
 Weyn, Suzanne - *The Bar Code Tattoo* and *The Bar Code Rebellion*
 Winerip, Michael - *Adam Canfield of the Slash*
 Wolff, Virginia Euwer - *Make Lemonade, Bat 6*
 Yancy, Rick - *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*
 Yolen, Jane - *Boots and the Seven Leaguers*
 Zindel, Paul - *The Gadget, A Begonia for Miss Applebaum*