Indian Valley and Indian Crest
Middle Schools

Summer 2016
Guide To
Summer Reading for Incoming 7th Graders

Summer means sun and fun, biking and hiking, picnics and . . . RELAXING WITH A GOOD BOOK!! Famous newspapers publish summer reading lists, so why shouldn’t we?

You probably know how it feels to finish an exciting book; you feel satisfied with the story and pleased with your accomplishment. This summer you can get a “jump” on your yearly reading requirement by keeping this summer reading log.

Here is a list of great suggestions for reading, divided up into many genres. You can just find your favorite genre, and see if there’s something there that you want to read. Of course you don’t have to read only the books we’ve listed here. The list is intended as a helpful suggestion.

What you do need to do this summer is to keep a reading log. Any books you read this summer count towards next year’s reading goal.

Here’s your summer homework:

• Read at least two books this summer (or many more).
• Bring your book log with you when you come back to school. If you lose this log, make your list on a sheet of notebook paper.
• Your new teacher will collect it from you and begin keeping records about what kind of reader you are.
Realistic Fiction

Paterson * The Great Gilly Hopkins
The Flip-Flop Girl

Rylant Missing May

Vail* Daring to Be Abigail

Lowry* Number the Stars

Lipset The Contender

MacLachlan* Baby

Sachar* The Boy Who Lost His Face

Blume Starring Sally J. Freedman

Danziger* The Cat Ate My Gmsuit

VanOosting The Last Payback

Fox Monkey Island Hadix

Running Out of Time

Spinelli* Space Station Seventh Grade

Brooks The Wolfbay Wings series

Sleator Into The Dream

Konigsburg* From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Myers Hoops

Christopher* Return of the Homeroom Kid

Blyars* Summer of the Swans

George* Julie of the Wolves

Frightful Mountain

Langton Fledgling

Woodruff Bicycle

DiCamillo The Tiger Rising

Wolff Make Lemonade

Bloor Tangerine

Gantos Joey Pigza Loses Control

Holm Our Only May Amelia

Skolosky* Love From Your Friend, Hannah

Nixon A Family Apart

Lyons Letter From A Slave Girl

Fletcher Shadow Spinner

Speare The Wing of Blackbird Pond

Paulsen Soldier’s Heart Nightjohn

Hesse Letters from Rifka

Scholastic Dear American Series

Halse/Anderson Fever 1793

Multicultural Books

O’Dell* Island of the Blue Dolphins

Davis Just Like Martin

Sperry Call It Courage

Myers* Scorpions

Taylor* Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Temple* Grab Hands and Run

Napoli Stones in Water

Bao-Lord Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

Jiang Red Scarf Girl

Lynch Gold Dust

Staples Shabani

Hesse Aleutian Sparrow

Mystery and Adventure

Smith Zach’s Lie

Cooney Burning Up

Raskin The Westing Game

Hahn Come to Me By Moonlight

Sachar* Holes

Sobol Encyclopedia Brown

Snyder* Egypt Game

VanDraanen* Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief

Bellaire* The House With The Clock In Its Wall

Alexander* Book of Three

O’Dell* Sarah Bishop

Paulsen* Hatchet

Gardiner Stone Fox

Taylor* The Cay

Eckert An Incident at Hawk’s Hill

Ruckman Night of the Twisters

Banks I Houdini

Dixon Hardy Boys Series

Keene Nancy Drew Series

Classics for a Challenge

Alcott Little Women

Burnett Little Princess

London Call of the Wild

Twain The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Tolken The Hobbit

Lewis The Chronicles of Narnia

Wells War of the Worlds

Rawlings The Yearling

Kipling Captain Courageous

Science Fiction and Fantasy

L’Engle* A Wrinkle in Time (and sequels)

Sleator Into the Dream

Lowry* The Giver

Jackie Robinson

Juster The Phantom Tollbooth

Levine* Ella Enchanted

Hoffman Aquamarine

Rowling* Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone

Hesse* Music of Dolphins

Jacques* Martin the Warrior

Napoli The Prince and the Pond

Beast

Dahl* The BFG

Matilda

Naylor Song Spell

Riordan The Lightning Thief

The Red Pyramid

Collins Hunger Games

Catching Fire

Stead When You Reach Me

Z for Zachariah

O’Brien

Funke Inkheart

Poetry

Creech Blue Lipstick

Love that Dog

Hate that Cat

Hesse Out of the Dust

Witnes

Biography, and Memoir

Ippisch Sky: A True Story of Cour-age

During World War II

Stanley I Am an American

McKissack Ain’t I A Woman

Reiss The Upstairs Room

Tygael Baseball’s Great Experi-ment:

Jackie Robinson and His Legacy

Lynn Babe Didrikson Zaharias

Freedman Eleanor Roosevelt

Abraham Lincoln

Jeter The Life You Imagine

Cleary A Girl from Yam Hill

Spinelli Knots on My Yo-yo String

Peck Anonymously Yours

Jeter The Life You Imagine

Byers The Moon and I

Of Science and Social Studies Interest

Apfel Voyager to the Planets

Lauber Tales Mummies Tell

I Was There: Discovering

The Iceman

Tanaka The Buried City of Pompeii

Osbourne Favorite Greek Myths

Yolen Wings

D’Aulaires Greek Myths

Larson There’s a Hair in My Dirt

McCarty The Iliad Lister

The Odyssey

Casselli In Search of Troy

Taylor The Weirdo (novel)

Cushman Catherine, Called Birdy (novel)

*Others by these authors are also recommended.
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