

Middle School Summer Reading

Summer is just around the corner, which means summer reading lists are here!

Summer reading expectations will be a bit different than from previous years. Below you will find the requirements that will need to be completed by the first day of the 2008-2009 school year.

1. Purchase a Mead white and black marble journal. This will play an important role for your summer reading and for the upcoming school year.



2. Select three (3) books to read from the reading options below. Choose three books (from the eight listed below) that you have not read before.

3. Journal Writing Using Prompts

As you read each book, you will need to respond and write 4 different prompts for **EACH book**. Each prompt needs to be written neatly and a thorough response given to the prompt. The entry in the journal should be at least one page in length. You will hand in your Mead journals on their first day of school to be graded by your language arts teacher. These journals will also serve as your reading journals as the school year begins and continues.

Prompts:

- *Before you finish the book, write down your predictions for the ending. After you finish, check back and check the accuracy of your prediction.
- *Which character in the book are you most like? Explain your answer.
- *Finish this idea: "I love the way the author..." Be complete and give examples to support your opinion.
- *How did the book make you feel? Explain.
- *Describe and explain the setting.
- *Write a description of the main character: his/her looks, the way he/she dress, the way he/she talks and his/her personality.
- *How does the character change throughout the novel? Explain and give support for your answers.
- *How does your character treat other people in the book? Explain and give support for your answers.
- *Rewrite a scene or chapter from the point of view of a different character
- *Explain your favorite part of the book
- *Write about a memory or experience of your own that is similar to something you have read in the book.

Summer Reading Book Choices

Incoming 6th graders

1. White Fang by Jack London
2. Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
3. Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Patterson
4. Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls
5. Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
6. Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
7. The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
8. Little Women or Little Men by Louisa May Alcott

Incoming 7th graders

1. The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky by Farah Ahmedi with Tamin Ansary.
2. Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Mildred D. Taylor
3. Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson
4. The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien
5. Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
6. And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
7. Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
8. The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Incoming 8th graders

1. The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky by Farah Ahmedi and Tamin Ansary
2. Murder On the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
3. War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
4. Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
5. Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling
6. Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
7. Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
8. Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis