

Summer Reading List

Please find attached my summer reading list. These books are primarily fiction with a good dose of history, biography and science mixed in. There are also a couple of graphic novels in there.

These books are not leveled by grade or reading competence, instead I tried to select books of imagination, adventure, romance and mystery. The one quality that all these books share is that they have passed the test of time and are of high interest! (I realize that's two qualities.)

All these books are in print and available either on-line, in the library or at your nearest bookstore.

I'd like all new and returning students to have read and completed two books by September 6th. They will then be matched up with another student who has read at least one of their books for discussion and a written report.

Have a great summer and enjoy your books!

Mr. Mayer

Incoming Sixth Grade Summer Reading List

A Dog on Barkham Street – Stolz, Mary
The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel - Michael Scott –
Alice in Wonderland – Carroll, Lewis
Anne of Green Gables – Montgomery, L.M.
Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer
Ben and Me – Lawson, Robert
Black Beauty – Sewell, Anna
Black Stallion – Farley, Walter
The Borrowers – Norton, Mary
Bridge to Terabithia – Paterson, Katherine
Caddie Woodlawn – Brink, Carol Ryrie
The Chronicles of Narnia – Lewis, C.S.
The Clique series - Lisi Harrison
D’Aulaire’s Book of Norse Myths – d’Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar
The Dark is Rising Sequence – Cooper, Susan
Eragon: The Inheritance Cycle, Book 1- Christopher Paolini
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate – Kelly, Jacqueline
The Five Ancestors series - Jeff Stone
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – Konigsburg, E.L.
Gentle Ben – Morey, Walt
Hans Brinker or the Silver Shoes – Mapes Dodge, Mary
Harriet the Spy – Fitzhugh, Louise
The Harry Potter series, books 4-7- J.K. Rowling
Hatchet – Paulsen, Gary
Heidi – Spyri, Johanna
His Dark Materials Trilogy - Philip Pullman
Homer Price – McCloskey, Robert
The House of Dies Drear – Hamilton, Virginia
The Jungle Book – Kipling, Rudyard
The Keeper of the Lost Cities - Shannon Messenger
Lad: A Dog – Terhune, Albert Payson
Lassie Come Home – Knight, Eric
Mary Poppins – Travers, Pamela I.
The Matchlock Gun – Edmonds, Walter
Matilda – Dahl, Roald
Misty of Chincoteague – Henry, Marguerite
The Moffats – Estes, Eleanor
My Side of the Mountain – George, Jeanne Craighead
Peter and the Starcatchers series - Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
The Pushcart War – Merrill, Jean
The Railway Children – Nesbit, E.
Redwall – Jacques, Brian
The Rescuers – Sharp, Margery

The Secret Garden – Burnett, Frances Hodgson
The Summer of the Swans – Byers, Betsy
Swiss Family Robinson – Wyss, Johann
Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt, Natalie
The Twenty-One Balloons – du Bois, William Pene
Uglies - Scott Westerfeld
The Unwanteds series - Lisa McMann
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – Baum, L. Frank

Nonfiction

Chasing Lincoln's Killer- James L. Swanson
Endurance - Jennifer Armstrong
The Great Fire- Jim Murphy
The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals - Michael Pollan
Rosa - Nikki Giovanni
The Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and The
Tales of the Cryptids: Mysterious Creatures That May or May Not Exist- Kelly Milner Halls
The Way Things Work - David Macaulay

7th gr. Summer Reading List

1. Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
2. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
3. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
4. The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings series by J.R.R. Tolkien (read "The Hobbit" first)
5. The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
6. Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
7. Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
8. The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
9. A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
10. Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
11. The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas
12. The Once and Future King by T.H. White
13. Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
14. Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
15. The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
16. Dracula by Bram Stoker
17. Short Stories by Edgar Allan Poe
18. David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
19. The Call of the Wild by Jack London
20. The Strange Case of Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Tales of Terror by Robert Louis Stevenson
21. The Time Machine by H.G. Wells
22. The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
23. On the Road by Jack Kerouac
24. The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
25. The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain
26. The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss
27. The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X
28. The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
29. Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne
30. A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess
31. Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne
32. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain
33. A Study in Scarlet (Sherlock Holmes #1) by Arthur Conan Doyle
34. The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
35. A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce
36. White Fang by Jack London
37. The Story of My Life by Helen Keller
38. The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

39. The Princess Bride by William Goldman
40. A Separate Peace by John Knowles
41. The House on Mango Street by S ndra Cisneros
42. Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday, Caf  Society, and an Early Cry for Civil Rights by David Margolick
43. The Mysteries Within: A Surgeon Reflects on Medical Myths by Sherwin B. Nuland
44. The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher by Lewis Thomas
45. Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West by Stephen B. Ambrose
46. Maus, and Maus II by Art Spiegelman
47. The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
48. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
49. Persepolis, the Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi
50. A Room of One's Own by Virginia Woolf
51. Slouching Towards Bethlehem by Joan Didion
52. Friday Night Lights by H. G. Bissinger
53. The Whole Shebang by Timothy Ferris
54. The Panda's Thumb by Stephen Jay Gould