

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING PROJECT

Each student should choose two books to read from the following lists. Books are listed according to the grade students will be entering in September.

Students should choose books they have not already read prior to this time.

All work must be typed (Times New Roman 12 font), handwritten neatly, or typed appropriately for a PowerPoint presentation.

For each book, the student may choose one of the following means of report:

1. A one-page standard report on the plot, setting, characters, and theme of the book. Include a personal analysis and response to the book. What appealed to you, or what did you dislike?
2. A PowerPoint presentation of the book including the above elements. You may include or skip the personal response.
3. A one-page written re-telling of the story from the perspective of a main character. For example:  
“Hello. My name is Johnny Tremain. I lived in Boston during the most exciting time in the history of our new country! Let me tell you about it...”
4. The student may want to divide a standard sheet of poster board into six sections. Draw an important scene (comic-book style) in each section, and write a descriptive paragraph under each scene.

**At the beginning of the school year all students will be asked to make an oral presentation of one of their reports.** This will be a good warm-up to the school year and, I hope, a lot of fun.

Some ideas for the presentations are as follows:

1. For a standard written report, the student may want to share the book by “selling” its good points to the class, making them want to read the book.
2. Share the PowerPoint presentation.
3. Acting as the character in the book, tell the story. Dressing like the character or using props would be great!
4. Share the poster board comic presentation with the class along with a brief presentation of the basic elements (plot, setting, characters...).

**Parents: Please make the book selections with your child to ensure that both content and reading level are appropriate.** There are a wide variety of books listed. Many of the listed books are award winners and are extremely well written. Several should appeal to your child.

Both written and oral presentations will receive a grade. But, at the same time, let’s try to keep this assignment as much fun as possible. The goal is to read and comprehend a couple of good books and to keep reading skills sharp, not to burden the child with lots of summer “homework.”

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade List

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| 1. <i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i>                  | C.S. Lewis              |
| 2. <i>21 Balloons</i>  | William Pene DuBois     |
| 3. <i>Hatchet</i>  | Gary Paulsen            |
| 4. <i>The Story of My Life – Helen Keller</i>                    | Helen Keller            |
| 5. <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>                                   | Lucy Maud Montgomery    |
| 6. <i>Black Beauty</i>   | Anna Sewell             |
| 7. <i>Swiss Family Robinson</i>                                  | Johann Wyss             |
| 8. <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>                               | Wilson Rawls            |
| 9. <i>Ella Enchanted</i>   | Gail Carson Levine      |
| 10. <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>                                     | Madeline L'Engle        |
| 11. <i>The City of Ember</i>                                     | Jeanne DuPrau           |
| 12. <i>Thimble Summer</i>  | Elizabeth Enright       |
| 13. <i>Jacob Have I Loved</i>                                    | Katherine Paterson      |
| 14. <i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>                                 | Patricia Mac Lauchlan   |
| 15. <i>Calico Captive</i>  | Elizabeth George Speare |
| 16. <i>My Side of the Mountain</i>                               | Jean Craighead George   |
| 17. <i>Out of the Dust</i>                                       | Karen Hesse             |
| 18. <i>The Wind in the Willows</i>                               | Kenneth Graham          |
| 19. <i>Brightly of the Grand Canyon</i>                          | Marguerite Henry        |
| 20. <i>Rascal</i>  | Sterling North          |
| 21. <i>King of the Wind</i>                                      | Marguerite Henry        |
| 22. <i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>                                 | Kate DiCamillo          |
| 23. <i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>                                | Kate DiCamillo          |
| 24. <i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>               | Kate DiCamillo          |
| 25. <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>                                  | Katherine Paterson      |
| 26. <i>Escape: The Story of The Great Houdini</i>                | Syd Fleischman          |
| 27. <i>Redwall</i>   | Brian Jacques           |
| 28. <i>Maniac Magee</i>  | Jerry Spinelli          |
| 29. <i>Leonardo DaVinci</i>                                      | Kathleen Krull          |
| 30. <i>Mystery on Everest</i>                                    | Audrey Salkeld          |
| 31. <i>Nory Ryan's Song</i>                                      | Patricia Reilly Giff    |
| 32. <i>Lilly's Crossing</i>                                      | Patricia Reilly Giff    |
| 33. <i>One-Eyed Cat</i>  | Paula Fox               |
| 34. <i>Soul Surfer</i>   | Bethany Hamilton        |
| 35. <i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>  | Christopher Paul Curtis |
| 36. <i>Across Five Aprils</i>                                    | Irene Hunt              |
| 37. <i>Any book by Janette Oke (Girls will love these books)</i> |                         |

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade List

1. *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* Gary D. Schmidt
2. *The Bronze Bow* Elizabeth Speare
3. *The Shakespeare Stealer* Gary Blackwood
4. *Hoot* Carl Hiaasen
5. *The Giver* Lois Lowery
6. *Messenger* Lois Lowery
7. *Walk Two Moons* Sharon Creech
8. *To Be a Slave* Julius Lester
9. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* Jules Verne
10. *Call of the Wild* Jack London
11. *Next Door Savior* Max Lucado
12. *The Door in the Wall* Marguerite de Angeli
13. *Redwall* (or sequels) Brian Jacques
14. *Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest* Ann McGovern
15. *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* Howard Pyle
16. *The Black Arrow* Robert Lewis Stevenson
17. *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* Mark Twain
18. *The Road to Damieti* Scott O'Dell
19. *The Bible Smuggler* Louis Vernon
20. *Pilgrim's Progress* John Bunyan
21. *Robinson Crusoe* Daniel deFoe
22. *Swiss Family Robinson* Johann Wyss
23. *The King's Fifth* Scott O'Dell
24. *Kidnapped* Robert Lewis Stevenson
25. *Heidi* Johanna Spyri
26. *Gulliver's Travels* Jonathan Swift
27. *Adam and His Kin* Ruth Beechick
28. *Mara, Daughter of the Nile* Eloise Jarvis McGraw
29. *Adam of the Road* Elizabeth Jane Gray
30. *The Grey King* Susan Cooper
31. *Prairie Whisperers* Arrington
32. *Race for the Sky* Dan Gutman
33. *So B It: A Novel* Weeks
34. *Inkheart* Cornelia Funke
35. *Anne of Green Gables (or sequels)* L. M. Montgomery
36. *My Brother Sam is Dead* Collier
37. *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* Peter Sis
38. *The Wright Brothers: How They. Invented the Airplane* Russell Freedman

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade List

1. *Johnny Tremain*
  2. *Flowers for Algernon*
  3. *The Outsiders*
  4. *Cheaper By the Dozen*
  5. *House of the Scorpion*
  6. *The Case for Christ*
  7. *The Oath*
  8. *Little Women*
  9. *To Kill a Mockingbird*
  10. *A Walk to Remember*
  11. *Caddie Woodlawn*
  12. *Daniel Boone*
  13. *The Matchlock Gun*
  14. *Rifles for Watie*
  15. *Carry on Mr. Bowditch*
  16. *A Gathering of Days*
  17. *Number the Stars*
  18. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
  19. *Thomas Edison/ The Great American Inventor*
  20. *Across Five Aprils*
  21. *Around the World in Eighty Days*
  22. *Left Behind*
  
  23. *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*
  24. *The Hobbit* (or sequels)
  26. *The Chosen*
  27. *The Cay*
  28. *Death on the Nile*
  29. *Murder on the Orient Express*
  30. *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
  
  31. *The Good Fight: How WWII Was Won*
  
  32. *Jane Eyre*
  33. *Commander-in Chief: Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War*
  
  34. *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman*
  35. *The River Between Us*
  36. *Watership Down*
  37. *The Upstairs Room*
  38. *Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street*
- Esther Forbes  
Daniel Keyes  
S.E. Hinton  
Frank B. Gilbreth  
Nancy Farmer  
Lee Stroebel  
Frank Peretti  
Louisa May Alcott  
Harper Lee  
Nicholas Sparks  
Carol Ryrie Brink  
James Daugherty  
Walter Edmonds  
Harold Keith  
Jean Lee Latham  
Joan W. Blos  
Lois Lowery  
Mark Twain  
Louise Egan  
Hunt  
Jules Verne  
Jerry Jenkins and  
Tim La Haye  
Jack Canfield  
J.R.R. Tolkein  
Chiam Potok  
Theodore Taylor  
Agatha Christie  
Agatha Christie  
Sir Arthur Conan  
Doyle  
Stephen E.  
Ambrose  
Charlotte Bronte  
Albert Marrin  
Brian Jacques  
Richard Peck  
Richard Adams  
Johanna Reiss  
Mike Lupica

## All Middle School Grades

Students may also choose a book written by one of the author's below. Books must be at least 150 pages in length and be written at an appropriate reading level for your child. Report requirements are the same for these books as those previously listed in the Middle School Summer Reading Project outline.

### Authors you may choose from include:

Ted Dekker  
Gilbert Morris (The Prince of Liberty Series)  
Sigmond Brouwer  
Jerry Jenkins  
Max Lucado  
James Scott Bell  
T. Davis Bunn  
Phillip Yancey  
Larry Burkett  
Terri Blackstock  
Frank Peretti  
Karen Kingsbury  
Jeanette Oke  
Beverly Lewis  
Francine Rivers  
Wanda Brunstettler  
Tracie Peterson  
C. S. Lewis  
Alex and Brett Harris