

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.”

6th 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> | |

7th 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

8th Grade List

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