

Fredericksburg Academy Middle School Summer Reading List 2010

Our summer reading philosophy at FA is simple: people who read continuously become better readers and writers. With this in mind, Middle School students will read a book in common and a book of their choice. Here are the guidelines:

- Read the required title and be prepared to complete a graded activity on this novel within the first week of school. (no summer essay)
- Read a novel of your choice (note stipulations below). Write a one-page reaction to and interpretation of the novel. This essay should include minimal plot summary – instead talk about your reactions (what you liked and did not like, the characters, the themes, point-of-view, setting, ...) Yes, you may use the pronoun "I."
- If you wish, read an additional novel and write an additional essay.
- All essays (1 or 2) are due the second day of school.
- For this assignment, you may accumulate up to 10 points, 7 for your novel of choice and 3 for an extra novel. These points may be used during the year to increase quiz, test, and paper grades. If you fail to complete the summer reading, you will lose two letter grades from your first assignment.
- Grading rubric:
 - 7 points = a full and well-explained reaction
 - 5 points = half plot summary and half reaction
 - 3 points = almost all plot summary

6th Grade: ***Book #1:** *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*, Christopher Paul Curtis
 Book #2: Read a novel of at least 100 pages.

7th Grade: ***Book #1:** *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, Gary D. Schmidt
 Book #2: Read a novel of at least 125 pages.

8th Grade: ***Book #1:** *The Giver*, Lois Lowry
 Book #2: Read a novel of at least 125 pages.

* Students need to buy the required book and bring it to class to complete the graded work during the first week of school.

6th Grade Summer Reading Ideas: Students should feel free to select their choice novels from this list, but they are not required to do so.

Bud, Not Buddy, Christopher Paul Curtis

Holes, Louis Sachar

Out of the Dust, Karen Hesse

Number the Stars, Lois Lowry

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Mildred D. Taylor

Heaven, Angela Johnson

Fallen Angels, Walter Dean Myers

Slam, Walter Dean Myers

Her Stories, Virginia Hamilton

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J. K. Rowling

Freak the Mighty, Rodman Philbrick

Max the Mighty, Rodman Philbrick

Redwall, Brian Jacques

Tangerine, Edward Bloor

Our Only May Amelia, Jennifer L. Holm

Brian's Return, Gary Paulsen

Dogsong, Gary Paulsen

Curses, Inc., Viviane Vande Velde

Red Scarf Girl, Ji Li Jiang

Within Reach: My Everest Story, Mark Pfetzer and Jack Galvin

The Wreckers, Iain Lawrence

The Smugglers, Iain Lawrence

The Kin: Suth's Story, Peter Dickerson

7th and 8th Grade Summer Reading Ideas: Students should feel free to select their choice novels from this list, but they are not required to do so.

Holes, Louis Sachar

Esperanza Rising, Pam Munoz Ryan

Number the Stars, Lois Lowry

Milkweed, Jerry Spinelli

Wringer, Jerry Spinelli

Heaven, Angela Johnson

Fallen Angels, Walter Dean Myers

Her Stories, Virginia Hamilton

Any Harry Potter book, J. K. Rowling

Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer

Freak the Mighty, Rodman Philbrick

Redwall, Brian Jacques

Tangerine, Edward Bloor

Our Only May Amelia, Jennifer L. Holm

Brian's Return, Gary Paulsen

The Hobbit or *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, J. R. R. Tolkien

Red Scarf Girl, Ji Li Jiang

Within Reach: My Everest Story, Mark Pfetzer and Jack Galvin

The Wreckers, Iain Lawrence

The Kin: Suth's Story, Peter Dickerson

Phoenix Rising, Karen Hesse

The Midwife's Apprentice, Karen Cushman

Shabanu, Suzanne Fisher Staples

The Longitude Prize, Joan Dash

The Illustrated Man, Ray Bradbury

Oliver Twist, Charles Dickens

The Subtle Knife series, Philip Pullman