

2010

Summer Reading

Middle School Assignments

Your child will choose **one** book to read over the summer from the attached Accelerated Reader Summer Reading List. Your child will also choose and complete a project, from the attached Summer Reading Project Activities page, to show comprehension of one of the books read. Upon the return to school, your child will also be responsible for completing a computerized Accelerated Reader comprehension test on his/her novel. All assignments are due by **September 17, 2010**. The total score for the combined assignments will represent the equivalence of a quiz grade for the quarter one midterm report. In order for your child to feel prepared the first month of school, it is important that he/she reads a novel and completes the project activity over the summer break.

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Project Activities

Power Point – Prepare a power point presentation with **ten** slides about the following:

Characters	character traits
Setting	theme
Plot	resolution
Conflict	

If possible, include some biographical information about the author.

Letter to the author – Create a **5 paragraph** letter to the author of the book. Explain your opinion on the theme, the characters and the setting (including time period) of the book. Be sure to include what the book taught you.

Children’s storybook – Write a children’s storybook based on the book you have read complete with illustrations or computer graphics. Choose **four or five** of the most important scenes and retell the story in simple language.

Journal Entries – Pretend you are a character in the book. Write **five** journal entries that the character might have written as reflections to the events in the story. In your entries, describe a conflict in the book, the resolution of the conflict and the character for whom you have chosen to write.

News Story – Write a front-page (**3-5 paragraph**) news story about an important incident from your book. Remember to answer: WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? HOW? Draw a picture with a caption underneath to accompany your story.

Comic Strip – Draw an **8** panel (or longer) comic strip to summarize the events of your book. Remember that a comic strip does not have to be humorous; the tone of the strip should be appropriate to the tone of the book.

Nonfiction: Draw a comic strip designed to teach something you learned from the book. Make sure it clearly conveys the information.

Summer Reading Project Rubric

Teacher Name: _____

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	10 points	8 Points	6 Points	2 Points	Score
Required Tasks	All requirements for project choice are met.	One requirement is missing from the project choice.	2-3 requirements were missing from the project choice.	3 or more requirements were missing from the project choice.	
Content	The summary consists of a discussion of the major themes, characters and details of the plot from beginning to end. The summary is written using your own words.	Summary is missing one of the major elements (theme, characters, details, plot). The summary is written using your own words.	Summary is missing two or more of the major elements (theme, characters, details, plot). The summary is written using your own words.	Summary is mostly an outline of the book and does not discuss themes or major ideas of the novel. The summary is not written in your own words.	
Organization	The structure of the project flows and easily follows the standards of the project of choice.	The structure of the project flows but 1 or two pieces are missing or faulty in relation to the standards of the project of choice.	The structure of the project does not flow. 3 or more pieces are missing or faulty in relation to the standards of the project of choice.	Structure of the project does not flow and it does not meet any of the standards of the project of choice.	
Appearance	Project demonstrates quality and effort in appearance. All writing is typed or neatly written.	Project demonstrates average effort in appearance. Some writing is neatly written.	Project demonstrates some effort. The writing is difficult to read.	Project demonstrates little or no effort in appearance. Unable to read any written work.	
Conventions or Writing Mechanics	Uses complete sentences and a variety of sentence types. 0-2 spelling and/or mechanical errors.	Uses complete sentences and a variety of sentence types. 3-4 spelling and/or mechanical errors.	There are 1-2 incomplete sentences or fragments. There are also run-on sentences. 6-8 spelling and/or mechanical errors.	There are more than 2 incomplete sentences or fragments. There are more than 2 run-on sentences. There is 9 or more spelling and/or mechanical errors.	

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Grade 6 Accelerated Reader Summer Reading List

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Level</u>
The Sign of The Beaver	Speare	4
Charlotte's Web	White	5
The Trumpet of The Swan	White	5
Heidi	Spyri	5
The Computer Nut	Byars	5
By The Shores of Silver Lake	Wilder	5.1
A Summer to Die	Lowry	5.2
The Cybil War	Byars	5.2
The Great Gilly Hopkins	Paterson	5.3
Ramona and Her Mother	Cleary	5.3
Henry Reed	Robertson	5.4
The Fishing Ground	Avi	5.4
Cracker Jackson	Byars	5.4
Rabbitt Hill	Lawson	5.4
Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle	5.5
Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone	Rowling	5.5
Anastasia Krupnik	Lowry	5.5
Mary Poppins	Travers	5.7
The Fledgling	Langton	5.8
Banana Twist	Heide	5.8
Sing Down The Moon	O'Dell	5.9
My Side of The Mountain	George	5.9
Ramona The Brave	Cleary	6
Quentin Corn	Stolz	6
The Trouble With Tuck	Taylor	6
Ida Early Comes Over The Mountain	Burch	6.1
A Wizard of Earthsea	LeGuin	6.1
The Toothpaste Millionaire	Merrill	6.1
Journey Home	Uchida	6.1
James and The Giant Peach	Dahl	6.3
The Wind and The Willows	Grahame	6.3
The Hot and Cold Summer	Hurwitz	6.3
Anastasia Again!	Lowry	6.4
Blue Willow	Gates	6.5
Einstein Anderson, Science Sleuth	Simon	6.6
Gentle Ben	Morey	6.8
Over Sea, Under Stone	Cooper	6.9
Miracles on Maple Hill	Sorenson	6.9
Abel's Island	Steig	6.9
A Gift of Magic	Duncan	7
Incident at Hawk's Hill	Eckert	7.2
The Hobbit	Tolkien	7.2
Ordinary Jack	Cresswell	7.2
Moves Make The Man	Brooks	7.4

Additional Books

Hatchet	Paulsen	5.7
The River	Paulsen	5.5
Brian's Winter	Paulsen	5.0
Soup	Peck	4.4
Soup's Hoop	Peck	4.4
Soup and Me	Peck	4.3
Soup on Ice	Peck	4.7
Island of The Blue Dolphin	O'Dell	5.4
Zia	O'Dell	5.1
The Giver	Lowry	7.5
Number The Stars	Lowry	4.5
The Yearling	Rawlings	5.0
Because of Winn-Dixie	DiCamillo	3.9
The School Story	Clements	5.2
The Janitor's Boy	Clements	5.4
The Landry News	Clements	6.0
Sammy Keys and the Hotel Thief	VanDranaan	5.0
Ice	Waylor	5.0
Joey Pigza Swallowed a Key	Gantos	5.0
Jack on Tracks	Gantos	5.1

The Princess Diaries	Cabot	6.0
The Great Brain	Fitzgerald	5.2
Maniac Magee	Spinelli	4.7
Spiderwick Chronicles – The Field Guide	Black & DiTerlizzi	5.0
Spiderwick Chronicles – The Seeing Stone	Black & DiTerlizzi	4.0
Spiderwick Chronicles – Lucinda’s Secret	Black & DiTerlizzi	5.0
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	J.K. Rowling	6.0
Surviving the Applewhites	Tolan	6.0
Midnight for Charlie Bone	Nimmo	5.0
Sahara Special	Codell	4.0
Charlie Bone and the Time Twister	Nimmo	5.0
Among the Barons	Haddix	6.0
The Slippery Slope	Snicket	5.0
Molly Moon’s Incredible Book of Hypnotism	Byng	5.5
Artemis Fowl – The Artic Incident	Colfer	5.0
Eragon	Paolini	6.0
Fever 1793	Shearer	5.0
Jack Adrift – Fourth Grade Without a Clue	Gantos	4.9
Look Before You Leap-Abby Hayes #5	Mazur	5.0
The Pen is Mightier Than The Sword –	Mazur	5.0
Green Angel	Hoffman	5.0
The Ironwood Tree – Spiderwick #4	Black& DiTerlizzi	5.0
The Report Card	Clements	4.9
Among the Brave	Haddix	5.1
Swear to Howdy	Van Draanan	5.0
Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy	Nimmo	4.9
Bud, not Buddy	Curtis	5.0
Loser	Spinelli	4.0
Holes	Sachar	5.5
Lyddie	Paterson	5.6

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Grade 7 Accelerated Reader Summer Reading List

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Level</u>
Johnny Tremain	Forbes	5.5
Amos Fortune, Free Man	Yates	5.0
Witch of Blackbird Pond	Speare	7.4
Sounder	Armstrong	5.2
Island of The Blue Dolphins	O'Dell	5.5
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor	6.9
Westing Game	Raskin	7.0
Bridge to Terebitha	Paterson	6.0
Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan	3.9
Number The Stars	Lowry	4.9
View from Saturday	Konigsburg	4.8
Across Five Aprils	Hunt	6.6
Homecoming	Voigt	6.3
Crazy Lady	Conly	4.9
The Black Cauldron	Alexander	5.9
Fat Chance	Newman	4.8
The Barn	Avi	5.8
Little Women	Alcott	7.9
Cheaper by The Dozen	Gilbreth	6.0
Diary of a Young Girl	Frank	6.5
20,000 Leagues Under The Sea	Verne	8.1
All Creatures Great and Small	Herriot	6.8
Ryan White Story	White	5.4
The Elephant Man	Drimmer	
Good Night, Mr. Tom	Magorian	5.9
No Language but a Cry	D'Ambrosi	
Flowers for Algernon	Keyes	5.9
Romeo and Juliet	Shakespeare	8.2
The Crucible	Miller	4.9
The Captive	Hansen	
Fiction		
The Green Glass Sea	Ellen Klages	
Hattie Big Sky	Kirby Larson	
Blood on the River: James Town, 1607	Elisa Carbone	
Fairest	Gail Carson Levine	

Grade 8 Accelerated Reader Summer Reading List

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Level</u>
<u>Historical Fiction</u>		
I Am Fifteen and I Don't Want to Die	Arnothy	
Catherine, Called Birdy	Cushman	
My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier	4.9
Slave Dancer	Fox	6.0
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor	5.7
Dragonwings	Yep	5.3
Number The Stars	Lowry	4.5
Where The Red Fern Grows	Rawls	4.9
Up a Road Slowly	Hunt	6.6
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis	5.0
<u>Modern</u>		
Flowers for Algernon	Keyes	5.8
Homecoming	Voight	4.4
Holes	Sachar	5.5
Tangerine	Bloof	5.5
Jacob Have I Loved	Paterson	5.7
Dacey's Song	Voight	5.0
Both Sides of Time	Cooney	
Rules of The Road	Bauer	
Goodnight Mr. Tom	Magorian	
Harry Potter Series	Rowling	
The Maze	Hobbs	
Freak The Mighty	Rodman	5.0
<u>Mystery</u>		
The Westing Game	Raskin	5.3
The Hound of The Baskervilles	Doyle	
Face on The Milk Carton	Cooney	4.8
The Name of The Game	Nixon	
<u>Biography / Autobiography</u>		
The Year They Walked	Parks	
Ryan White Story	White	5.4
The Story of My Life	Keller	
Lincoln, A Photobiography	Freedman	7.7
The Elephant Man	Drimmer	
Boy	Dahl	6.0
<u>Fantasy / Science Fiction</u>		
Redwall	Jacques	4.9
The Blue Sword	McKinley	6.8
Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle	4.7
The Hero and The Crown	McKinley	7.0
The Giver	Lowry	7.5
Eva	Dickerson	
War Of The Worlds	Wells	9.1
Lord of The Flies	Golding	5.0
<u>Non-Fiction</u>		
The Diary of A Young Girl	Frank	6.5
The Upstairs Room	Reiss	2.9
Where The Sidewalk Ends	Silverstein	
No Language But a Cry	D'Ambrosio	
<u>Fiction</u>		
Bucking the Sarge	Curtis	
A True and Faithful Narrative	Sturtevant	
Jane Eyre	Bronte	7.9
Kidnapped	Stevenson	7.6

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