

2007
7th Grade
S. T. R. E. T. C. H.
Summer Reading for Incoming 7th Graders

Bell Prater's Boy – White, Ruth (**Realistic Fiction**)

When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears he moves in with his grandparents and finds out about himself and the whole family

Bless me, Ultima – Anaya, R. (**Realistic Fiction**)

Six-year-old Antonio embarks upon a spiritual journey under the watchful guidance of Ultima, a healing woman, that leads him to question his faith and beliefs in family, religion, and other aspects of his Chicano culture.

Blue Willow – Gates, D. (**Realistic Fiction**)

When her mother gets sick and the Larkins don't have rent money, Janey offers to pay the rent with the beloved blue willow plate that once belonged to her great-great-grandmother. This becomes the beginning of something wonderful.

The Cay – Taylor, T (**Realistic Fiction**)

All his life, Phillip has been raised to look down on black people. Now he is blinded and marooned on an island with Timothy, a West Indian man who is the only hope of survival.

Dear Mr. Henshaw – Cleary, Beverly (**Realistic Fiction**)

In letters to his favorite author, a 10-year-old boy reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – Stevenson, Robert Louis (**Fantasy**)

The story of a well respected doctor who has discovered a powerful drug that changes him into a an evil killer.

The Egypt Game – Snyder, Z. K. (**Mystery**)

It was only a game for six children until an oracle told the truth and a murderer appeared.

Esperanza Rising – Ryan, Pam Munoz (**Historical Fiction**)

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go to work in the labor camps of Southern California during the great Depression

Ella Enchanted – Levine, Gail Carson (**Fantasy**)

Retelling of the Cinderella story, but Ella, who was cursed with the gift of obedience, has to overcome many obstacles before she finds her prince.

A Fate Totally Worse Than Death – Fleischman, P. (**Fantasy**)

Three self-centered members of the ruling clique at school are convinced the pretty, new exchange student is a ghost of a former classmate.

The Folk Keeper- Billingsley, F (**Fantasy**)

An orphan disguises herself as a boy to pose as a Folk Keeper, one who keeps the Evil Folk at bay, and discovers her heritage as a seal maiden when she is taken to live with a wealthy family in their manor by the sea.

The Great Interactive Dream Machine – Peck, R. (**Fantasy**)

Josh Lewis is unwillingly drawn into the computer experiments of Aaron, his friend and fellow classmate at an exclusive New York private school. The two find themselves uncontrollably transported through space and time.

Ghost Soldier – Alphin, Elaine Marie (**Fantasy**)

Alexander, in North Carolina while his father decides whether to remarry and move there, meets the ghost of a Confederate soldier and helps him look for his family.

Gold Dust – Lynch, Chris (**Realistic Fiction**)

In 1975, twelve-year-old Richard befriends Napoleon, a Caribbean newcomer to his Catholic school, hoping that Napoleon will learn to love baseball and the Red Sox, and will win acceptance in the racially polarized Boston school.

Golden Goblet – McGraw, E. J. (**Fantasy**)

When Ranofor found the golden goblet, he knew it must have been stolen from one of the great tombs in the City of the Dead. He also knew that, in order to win his freedom, he would have to prove that Gebu, his greedy half-brother, was the thief.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Rowling, J.K. (**Fantasy**)

The last in the series, the one we have all been waiting for. See what happens to Harry.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy – Adams, D. (**Science Fiction**)

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.

Hush – Woodson, Jacqueline (**Realistic Fiction**)

Seventh grade Toshiwa finds her life upside down when her family is put into the witness protection program.

The Island of the Blue Dolphins - O'Dell, S. (**Realistic Fiction**)

An Indian girl is left alone on an island for ten years.

***Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher* – Coville, B. (Fantasy)**

Twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher hides in a magic store to avoid being kissed by a girl. He leaves with a marbled ball that will change his life forever.

***The Library Card* – Spinelli, Jerry (Realistic Fiction)**

This is a collection of four stories where a library card has changed lives.

***A Little Princess* - Burnett, F. H. (Classic)**

Sarah's fairy-tale life as a princess comes to a sudden end when her father dies and leaves her an orphan.

***On My Honor* – Bauer, M.D. (Realistic Fiction)**

When his best friend drowns in a river the boys had promised never to go near, Joel becomes terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible truth.

***Missing May* – Rylant, C. (Realistic Fiction)**

After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her Uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.

***The Music of the Dolphins* -. Hesse, K. (Fantasy)**

After rescuing a young girl from the sea, scientists discover she had been raised by dolphins.

***My Side of the Mountain* - George, J. C. (Adventure)**

Sam Gribble is tired of living in a crowded New York City apartment, so he runs away to the Catskill Mountain wilderness to forge a life of his own.

***Nightjohn* – Paulsen, Gary (Historical Fiction)**

Sarny's life becomes dangerous when a newly arrived slave offers to teach her how to read.

***No More Dead Dogs* – Korman, Gordon (Realistic Fiction)**

Wallace does not understand it – why do dogs die at the end of every classic story? Wallace ends up in detention with his English teacher who forces him to participate in the town's play about a dead dog.

***Old Yeller* - F. Gibson (Classic)**

The adventures of a pioneer boy and his loyal dog in the wilderness.

***One-Eyed Cat* - Fox, P. (Realistic Fiction)**

Ned isn't supposed to touch the rifle, but before he realizes it, he pulls the trigger. Now he is left alone with a terrible secret.

***Outlaws of Sherwood* - McKinley, R. (Fantasy)**

The author retells the adventures of Robin Hood and a band of outlaws who live in Sherwood Forest in 12th-century England.

***Pictures of Hollis Woods* – Giff, Patricia Reilly (Realistic Fiction)**

A troubled orphan moves in with an elderly artist who needs her, but remembers the foster family who seemed to love her.

***The River* – Paulsen, G. (Realistic Fiction)**

Brian, profoundly changed from his experience in the wilderness, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists understand the psychology of survival. Sequel to *Hatchet*.

***Ruby Holler*- Creech, Sharon (Realistic Fiction)**

An eccentric couple adopt twin orphans who lead them a great adventure.

***Running Out of Time* – Haddix, M. P. (Science Fiction)**

When an epidemic hits her village in 1840, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers that it is really 1996, and she must travel to the outside world to save the children from cruel scientists.

***The Secret Garden* – Burnett, F. H. (Classic)**

Mary, a self-centered girl, and Colin, a pampered invalid, learn compassion and generosity within the walls of a secret garden

***The Secret of Platform 13* – Ibbotson, Eva (Fantasy)**

On the other side of railway platform #13 is a whole new world, a spectacular kingdom with fantastic creatures.

***Slam* - Meyers, W. D. (Realistic Fiction)**

Twelve-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his basketball talents as a ticket out of the city, but his coach sees things differently.

***Somewhere in Darkness* – Meyers, W. D. (Realistic Fiction)**

Jimmy's father, Crab, has just been released from jail. Now he's on a quest to clear his name and he's taking Jimmy with him.

***Star Split*- Lasky, Kathryn (Science Fiction)**

A story set in the future Darci discovers that she perhaps has a clone, which is illegal in her world. She fears for her life.

***A Summer to Die* – Lowry, L. (Realistic Fiction)**

Meg has always been jealous of her older sister Molly; when Molly is rushed to the hospital, Meg's world is changed forever.

***Surviving the Applewhites* – Tolan, Stephanie (Realistic Fiction)**

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent to the quirky Applewhite family where he discovers talents he did not know he had.

***The Thief*- Turner, M. (Realistic Fiction)**

Gen, a skillful thief, flaunts his abilities on a journey to a sacred temple where he plans to steal a precious stone for the king.

***Things Not Seen* – Clements, Andrew (Fantasy)**

One day Bobby, a fifteen-year-old wakes up and his body is invisible.

***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* – Smith, B. (Classic)**

A young girl comes of age in the squalor and poverty of the Brooklyn slums during the 1940's.

***Tuck Everlasting* - Babbitt, N. (Fantasy)**

Two stories cross near the village of Treenap in the hot August days of 1880, creating a curious mixture of love, violence, anguish, and tranquility, and leaving Winnie Foster with a fundamental decision to make.

***Under the Blood Red Sun* – Salisbury, G. (Historical Fiction)**

Two boys witness the bombing of Pearl Harbor. One faces his greatest challenge when his father is detained in a Japanese Internment camp off the coast of Honolulu.

***Up a Road Slowly* . Hunt, I (Realistic Fiction)**

A tender, revealing story of a young girl growing up without her mother.

***The View from the Cherry Tree* – Roberts, W. D. (Mystery)**

Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him except the murderer.

***The Wanderer* – Creech, Sharon (Realistic Fiction)**

Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, along with family en route to visit their grandfather in England.

***The Westing Game* – Raskin, A. (Mystery)**

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

***The Yearling* - Rawlings, M. (Classic)**

A novel of backwoods Florida and the tender relationship between a young boy and his fawn.

The Year of the Hangman- Blackwood, Gary (**Historical Fiction**)

Fifteen-year-old Creighton is kidnapped and sent to the colonies and becomes involved in the American Revolution.

Books in a Series

Anne of Green Gables and Anne of Avonlea and the rest of the series – Montgomery, L.M. (**Historical Fiction**)

The Culthberts had decided to adopt an orphaned boy to help with the chores, but a mischievous, talkative, red-headed girl was sent to them by the orphanage instead.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead* and *Crispin, at the Edge of the World -- Avi (**Historical Fiction**)

A thirteen-year-old orphan in 14th century England meets a mysterious juggler who helps him when he is accused of murder.

Dacey's Song – Voigt, C. (**Realistic Fiction**)

Abandoned by her mother, Dacey shepherds her siblings from Provincetown to Chesapeake Bay and a new beginning with their grandmother. Sequel to *Homecoming*.

Homecoming – Voigt, C (**Realistic Fiction**)

Young Dacey fights to keep her brothers and sister together and out of foster homes.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key- Gantos, Jack (**Realistic Fiction**)

Trials and troubles of a kid who has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings without his medication.

Joey Pigza Loses Control* and *What Would Joey Do?– Gantos, Jack (**Realistic Fiction**)

Joey, who is still taking medication, goes to visit his father and learns more about himself and his dad. Sequel to *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*.

Redwall and any of the sequels- Jacques, B. (**Fantasy**)

Ancient Redwall Abbey's peaceful life is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes. Matthias, a young mouse, is determined to find a sword to help destroy the enemy.

Charlie Bone and the Twister, Midnight for Charlie Bone, Charlie Bone and the Invisible Boy, Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors - Nimmo, Jenny (**Fantasy**)

Charlie Bone has unusual powers and finds himself in unusual circumstances.

***The Face on the Milk Carton* - Cooney, C (Realistic Fiction)**

A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity

***Whatever Happened to Janie? and sequel, The Voice on the Radio, What Janie Found* - C. Cooney (Realistic Fiction)**

Life should be wonderful for Janie, but the nightmare is only beginning when she tries to be everything to both her families.

***Among the Hidden (Shadow Children series, Among the Imposters, Among the Betrayed, Among the Betrayed, Among the Barons, Among the Brave, Among the Enemy, Among the Free* – Haddix, Margaret Peterson (Science Fiction)**

In the future where the Population Police enforce the law limited a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his life in isolation and fear. He learns to fight back.

***The Shakespeare Stealer* - Blackwood, Gary (Historical Fiction)**

A young orphan becomes part of Shakespeare's acting company also learning how to steal a play.

***Shakespeare's Scribe- and Shakespeare Spy* Blackwood, Gary (Historical Fiction)**

During the plague of 1602 an orphan becomes part of Shakespeare's troupe and finds more about his parents.

Non-Fiction

***Antarctica: Journeys to the South Pole* – Myers, Walter Dean**

Story of the dramatic race to the South Pole and the dangers they encountered as well as their contributions to science.

***Buried in Ice* – Beattie, Owen**

Probes the tragic and mysterious fate of Sir John Franklin's voyage to find the Northwest Passage in 1845.

***Dead Ball: Major League Baseball before Babe Ruth* – Gilbert, Thomas**

Gives the history of baseball during the nineteenth century and early twentieth century

***Indian Chiefs* – Freedman, Russell**

Compelling profiles of six Indian Chiefs who led their people in a historic crisis.

***In Their Own Words: Sitting Bull*- Roop, Peter**

Biography of Sitting Bull, a native American Chief, who was noted for his courage

Phineas Gage: a Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science – Fleischman, John
Phineas Gage, while working on the railroad in 1848, survives an accident where a three-foot pole pierces through his head.

Rascal – North, Sterling
True story of the author's boyhood when he raises a pet raccoon.

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: the Extraordinary True Story of Shackelton and The Endurance- Armstrong, Jennifer
Story of the 1914 expedition of the Antarctic by Shackelton and his ship, The Endurance. When the Endurance is trapped for nine months in the ice Shackelton has to get his men to safety.