

Summer Reading List

Seventh Grade

Pre-7th grade students are required to read *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, and then choose any two books from the list below. We will discuss and you will be tested on the required book when school resumes in August. You must complete the Summer Reading Journal (last page) for the two selected books that you read. The Journals will be collected during the first week of school.

REQUIRED BOOK

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

BOOK CHOICES

The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett

Orphaned in India, Mary Lennox comes to live with her elusive uncle at Misselthwaite Manor on the Yorkshire moors of England. The discovery and recovery of a locked, secret garden and her ailing cousin Colin are the beginnings of Mary's journey back to love.

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Set in the days of sailing ships and pirates, *Treasure Island* recounts the adventures of Jim Hawkins and his search for the buried treasure of the evil pirate Captain Flint

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Arriving at subdued Mica High in a burst of color and sound, Stargirl attracts a lot of attention. Stargirl is suddenly shunned for everything that makes her different, and Leo, panicked and desperate, urges her to become the very thing that can destroy her: normal.

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

Internationally ranked surfer Bethany Hamilton tells how she survived a shark attack that cost her arm – but not her spirit.

The Boys of Winter by Wayne Coffey

The true story of the victory by the U.S. men's hockey team over the vaunted Soviets in the 1980 Winter Olympics is still as luminous and improbable as it was nearly 35 years ago: a group of plucky but not overwhelmingly gifted young amateurs, whose style of play is overhauled by their mercurial but visionary coach Herb Brooks, taking on the virtually unbeatable Soviet pros on their way to a gold medal.

Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer by Lynne Cox

Cox, one of the world's leading long-distance swimmers, has been a risk-taker ever since she was nine. It isn't until she competes in the Nile River swim that the tale turns ugly. She's swimming in raw sewage and chemical waste, fending off dead rats and broken glass. Undeterred, she plans more ambitious swims – around the shark-infested Cape of Good Hope. Cox ends her story with her swim to Antarctica.

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

The second book in the Giver Quartet by Lois Lowry, *Gathering Blue* follows a girl named Kira, an orphan who has a deformed leg and an uncertain future.

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

Kidnapped is a stirring adventure story about the orphan, David Balfour, who, after escaping through the Scottish Highlands from the hands of his villainous uncle, becomes involved in Scotland's struggle for independence.

7th Grade Summer Reading Journal

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Title of Your Book: _____

Author: _____

Answer each question in complete sentences.

Name the two most important characters and give a brief description of each.

Where and when does the story take place?

What was your favorite part of the story?
