

Hoover Middle School

Summer Reading 2011

Reading 6; English 7 and 8

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RISING GRADE 6:

Select ONE book from A, B, OR C:

A: Genre Choice: (with parental approval)
Adventure; Historical Fiction; Newbery Winner

B: Author Choice: (with parental permission)
Avi, Joan Bauer, Christopher Paul Curtis,
David Eddings, Margaret Haddix, Will Hobbs,
Lois Lowry, W. Dean Myers, Garth Nix,
Robert Peck, Tamora Pierce, Jonathan Stroud

C: Title Choice:

The Adventures of Robin Hood, Green
An exciting retelling of the Robin Hood tales with Friar Tuck, Little John, and Maid Marion. (1110L)

Anne of Green Gables, Montgomery
Mischievous, talkative Anne Shirley wins the hearts of her foster parents. (850L)

The Compound, Bodeen
Eli and his family live underground for six years. Eli questions why they are there. BES 10-11 Winner (570L)

Crash, Spinelli
When his grandfather becomes ill, Crash learns the value of friendship and the importance of family. (560L)

Daphne's Book, Hahn
Jesse comes to understand Daphne, a much-ridiculed girl, when they collaborate on a writing contest. (710L)

Mr. Tucket (or others in the series), Paulsen
Pawnees capture Francis while he and his family travel west on the Oregon Trail. (830L)

Music of Dolphins, Hesse
A girl raised by dolphins must choose between two worlds. (560L)

Out of My Mind, Draper
Melody has cerebral palsy; she overcomes her disability and teasing with courage. BES 11-12 Nominee. (700L)

RISING GRADE 7: Select ONE book from A OR B:

A: Genre Choice: (with parental approval)
Classic; Historical Fiction; Newbery Winner

B: Title Choice:
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Twain
In the 1840's, an adventurous young boy grows up along the banks of the Mississippi River. (830L)

Bystander, Preller
7th grader Eric is befriended by Griffin until Eric finds out that Griffin is a bully. BES 11-12 Nominee (600L)

The Face on the Milk Carton, Cooney
A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity. (660L)

Journey to Topaz or Journey Home, Uchida
Yuki and her family face prejudice and violence during World War II. (890L)

One Crazy Summer, Williams-Garcia
Delphine and her sisters try to live with the mother who abandoned them. BES 11-12 Nominee (750L)

Redwall (or others in the series), Jacques
To recover a legendary lost weapon, a bumbling monk becomes mousekind's unlikely hero. (800L)

Shakespeare's Scribe (or others in series), Blackwood
Widge, a fifteen-year-old orphan, becomes involved in thrilling adventures during Elizabethan England. (870L)

Stravaganza: City of Masks (or others in series), Hoffman
A teenager travels between two worlds when he falls asleep while reading a mysterious book. (920L)

Swiss Family Robinson, Wyss
Following a shipwreck, the Robinson family establishes a home on an uninhabited island. (910L)

Assessment: When students return to school, they will write about their summer reading. Students are encouraged to take notes as they read; the notes may be used for in-class writing.

(L) Go to lexile.com for a list of titles at the student's reading level. Search for Books > Find a Book > Parents & Students>

RISING GRADE 8: Select ONE book from A OR B:

A: Genre Choice: (with parental approval)
Autobiography/Biography; Classic; Historical Fiction

B: Title Choice:
Beauty, McKinley
This story is an intriguing retelling of the classic tale of a girl doomed to live in a monster's castle. (970L)

The Contender, Lipsyte
A seventeen-year-old African-American boy uses boxing as a vehicle to improve his life. (760L)

Fever 1793, Anderson
Maddie's life is changed by the yellow fever epidemic that kills 5,000 people in three months. (580L)

The Hobbit, Tolkien
An unlikely hero learns that courage, honesty, and imagination count far more than physical power. (1000L)

Homecoming, Dacey's Song, or Solitary Blue, Voigt
Dacey and her siblings want to find one adult whom they can trust to hold their family together. (630L)

The Hunger Games, Collins
Katniss competes in the fight-to-the-death Hunger Games. BES HighSchool Winner 2010-11. (810L)

My Brother Sam is Dead, Collier
A Connecticut boy is disillusioned with the supposed glories of the Revolutionary War. (770L)

Trash, Mulligan
Three boys find a mysterious bag that leads them on a risky search for the truth. BES 11-12 Nominee (850L)

Treasure Island, Stevenson
Jim Hawkins battles the infamous Long John Silver in this adventure of buried treasures and piracy. (870L)