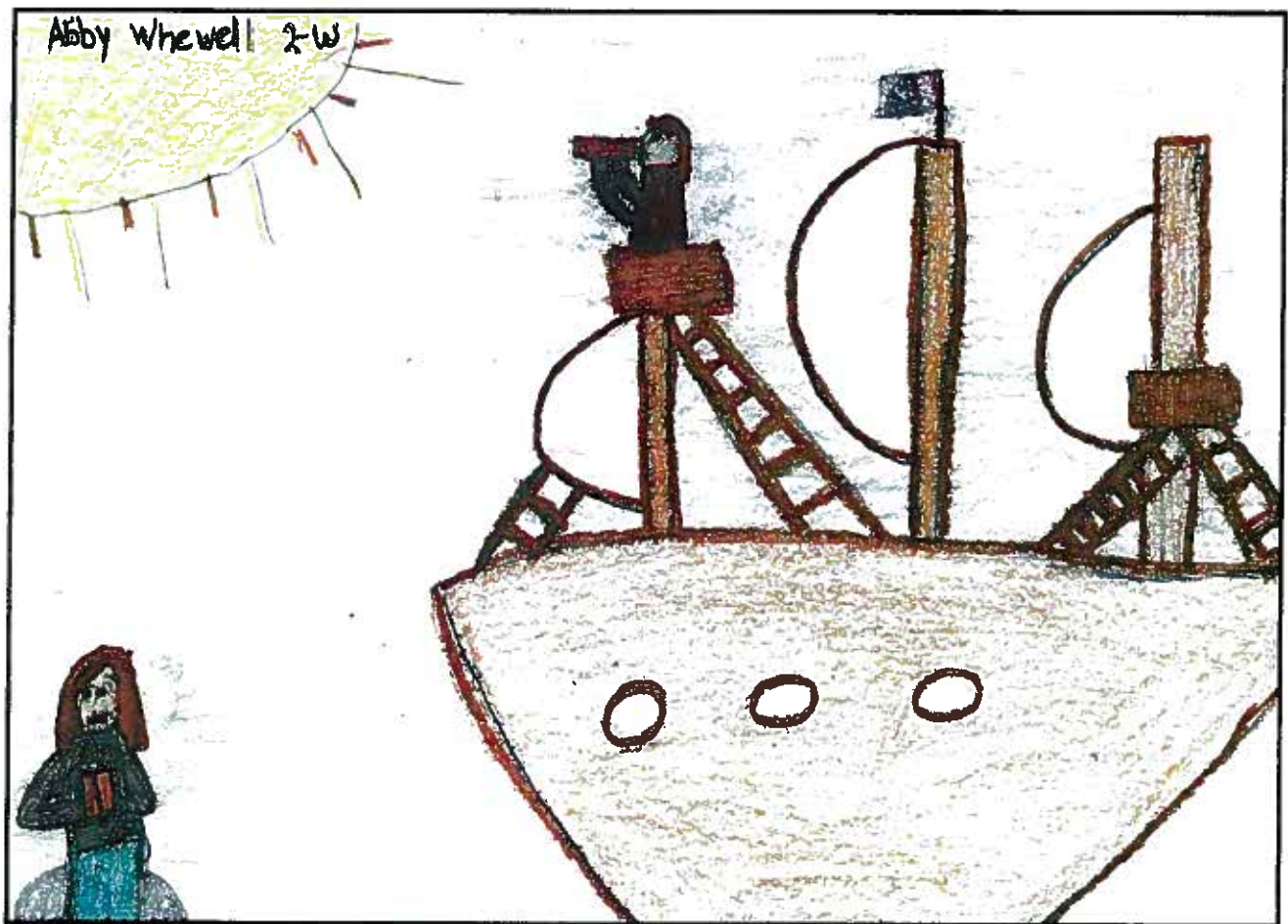


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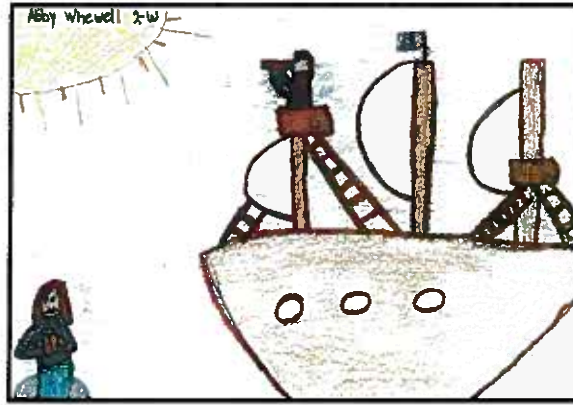
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Explore New Worlds . . . Read



Abby Whewell, Artist

Entering Grades 1 - 8



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Summer 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Summer time should be a relaxing time...a time for many outdoor activities. Whenever we need a break from the humidity, however, we find there is nothing quite as enticing as a shady spot and a good book. We encourage students to read by themselves, with a friend, or a parent/guardian. Reading and sharing with friends or family is always fun! We provide here some suggested reading lists with choices for every taste and interest.

The school librarians, as a result of conversations with the town librarians, **will make sure most titles will be available during the summer. However, parents should realize that these lists are just a starting point and act as a guideline for book choices.** We also will provide the reading lists to area bookstores. Selections used in your child's reading/language classes are not included on the list.

In June we will provide all students with an **Explore New Worlds ... Read** bookmark in their library class. The bookmark will inform students how to access electronically the lists of books suggested for summer reading.

**Students entering grades 1 and 2** are asked to read at least one book that they will report on during the first Library time in the fall. Students should turn in the list of books read this summer to their teacher by *Friday, September 9, 2011*.

**Students entering grades 3 and 4** are asked to read at least one non-fiction and one fiction book that they will report on during the first Library time in the fall. Students should turn in the list of books read this summer to their teacher by *September 9, 2011*.

Please join the East Lyme and Salem educators and librarians in promoting a safe and relaxing summer, filled with wonderful books!

Sincerely,

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### **Goldilocks Method for determining if a book is "Just Right"**

Do you remember Goldilocks' quest to find the porridge, chair and bed that were "just right"? Selecting a book can sometimes feel the same way. When you are selecting a book to read you can try asking yourself these questions to help you find a book that is "just right" for you.

#### **TOO EASY BOOKS**

1. Have you read this book many times before?
2. Do you know and understand almost every word?
3. Can you read it smoothly and fluently without much practice or effort?

#### **JUST RIGHT BOOKS**

1. Is this book new to you?
2. Are there a few words per page that you don't recognize or know the meaning of instantly?
3. Can someone help you if you reach a tough spot?

#### **TOO HARD BOOKS**

1. Are there more than a few words on a page that you don't recognize or know the meaning?
2. When you read are you struggling and does it sound choppy?
3. Is everyone busy and unable to help you if you hit a tough spot?

# 2011 Suggested Summer Reading List

## Grades 1 and 2

### Favorite Picture Book Authors

Arnold, Tedd	Henkes, Kevin	Seuss, Dr
Brett, Jan	Kirk, David	Scieszka, Jon
Brown, Marc	Long, M.	Shannon, David
Carle, Eric	McMullen, Jim and	Sturges, P.
Child, Lauren	McPhail, David	Teague, Mark
Cooney, Barbara	Numeroff, Laura	Wells, Rosemary
Cronin, Doreen	Palacco, Patricia	Wiesner, David
DePaola, Tomie	Palantini, Margie	Willems, Mo
Ehlert, Lois	Rylant, Cynthia	Yolen, Jane
	Seeger, Laura	

### Beginning Readers' Series

Adler, David	Young Cam Jansen, Bones	Marciano, John	Madeline
Arnold, Tedd	Fly Guy	Parish, Herman or Peggy	Amelia Bedelia
Capucilli, Alyssa	Biscuit	Rylant, Cynthia	Puppy Mudge; Henry and Mudge; Mr. Putter and Tabby; Brownie and Pearl
Cazet, Danys	Minnie and Moo		
Danziger, Paula	A is for Amber		
Howe, James	Pinky & Rex	Willems, Mo	Elephant and Piggie

### Non-Fiction/Information Books (Animals, Math, Songs, Arts, Famous People)

Arnosky, Jim	All About Frogs	Gibbons, Gail	Any Title
Barber, Tiki and Ronde	Game Day; Teammates	Heilegman, Deborah	From Caterpillar to Butterfly
Bishop, Nic	Any Title	Jenkins, S.	Any Title
Burleigh, Robert	Home Run: The Story of Babe Ruth	Maestro, Marco & Giulio	Geese Find The Missing Piece; What Do You Hear When Cows Sing?
Butterworth, Christine	Sea Horse: The Shyest Fish in The Sea	Markle, Sandra	Any Title
Carter, Don	Get to Work, Trucks!	Milton, Joyce	Wild, Wild Wolves
Davies, Jacqueline	Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story Of John James Audubor	Rockwell, Anne F.	Why Are The Ice Caps Melting
Dussling, Jennifer	Slinky, Scaly Snakes	Shea, George	First Flight
Frasier, Debra	Out Of The Ocean	Sheldon, David	Barnum Brown: Dinosaur Hunter
George, Kristine O'Connell	Little Dog Poems	Tang, Greg	Any Title
Gerstein, Mordecai	The Man Who Walked Between The Towers; What Charles Heard	Turner, Pamela	Gorilla Doctors

### Poetry

Fromental, Jean-Luc	Livingston, Myra Cohn
George, Kristine	Prelutsky, Jack
Gottfried, Marge	Janeczko, Paul
Hopkins, Lee	Silverstein, Shel

## Grades 1 and 2

### Folktales, Fairytales, and Fables

Andersen, Hans Christian	The Princess and the Pea
Babbitt, Natalie	Ouch! Tale from Grimm
Barton, Byron	The Little Red Hen
Galdone, Paul	Little Red Hen; Three Billy Goats Gruff
Heo, Yumi	The Green Frogs, A Korean Folktale
Marshall, James	Red Riding Hood
McGill, Alice	Sure As Sunrise: Stories Of Bruh Rabbit and His . . .
McGrath, Barbara	The Little Green Witch
Muth, Jon	Stone Soup
Paul, Ann	Manana Iguana
Pinkney, Jerry	The Lion & The Mouse, Aesop's Fables
Souhami, Jessica	No Dinner!

### Easy Chapter Book Series

Adler, David	Cam Jansen	Howe, James	Bunnicula and Friends
Benton, Jim	Franny K. Stein	James, Brian	Pirate School
Blume, Judy	Pain and Great One	McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody; Stink
Christopher, Matt	Peach St. Mudders	Meadows, Daisy	Rainbow Magic
Coville, Bruce	Moongobble and Me	Park, Barbara	Junie B. Jones
Dadey, Debbie	Bailey School Kids	Pope, Mary Osborne	Magic Tree House
DiCamillo, Kate	Mercy Watson	Roy, Ron	A to Z Mysteries
Friedman, Laurie	Mallory vs. Max	Scieszka, Jon	Time Warp Trio
Gutman, Dan	The Weird School	Stilton, Geronimo	Geronimo Stilton
Hicks, Betty	Gym Shorts		

### Family Read Aloud

Cleary, Beverly	Ramona (series)
Fine, Anne	The Jamie and Angus Stories
Gannett, Ruth Stiles	My Fathers Dragon
Hurwitz, Johanna	Russell & Elisa (series)
Lowry, Lois	Sam (series)
White, E.B.	Any Title
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House (series)

## Grades 3 and 4

### Favorite Fiction Authors

Avi	Any Title
Abbott, Tony	Secrets of Droon Series
Adler, David A.	Cam Jansen Series
Benton, Jim	Dear Dumb Diary Series
Blume, Judy	The Pain and the Great One Series; Freckle Juice
Byars, Betsy	Any Title
Carlson, Drew	Attack of the Turtle
Christopher, Matt	Peach Street Mudders; Soccer Cats Series
Cleary, Beverly	Runaway Ralph Series; Ramona Series
Clements, Andrew	Frindle; The Report Card
Coville, Bruce	Dragon of Doom Series; Magic Shop Series
Dahl, Roald	Any Title
Danziger, Paula	Amber Brown Series
DeFelice, Cynthia	Ghost of Fossil Glen
DiCamillo, Kate	Any Title
DiTerlizzi, Tony	Spiderwick Chronicles Series
Evans, Douglas	MVP*
Gunderson, Jessica	The Jade Dragon : A Story of Ancient China
Gutman, Dan	Million Dollar Series; Baseball Card Series; Homework Machine
Hest, Amy	Private Notebook of Katie Roberts, Age 11
Howe, James	Tales From the House of Bunnacula Series
Hurwitz, Johanna	Ali Baba Bernstein Series; Pee Wee's Tale
King-Smith, Dick	Any Title
Kline, Suzy	Horrible Harry Series; Mary Marony Series
Le-Guin, Ursula	Catwings Series
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted
Lowry, Lois	Gooney Bird Green Series
Nimmo, Jenny	Charlie Bone – Children of the Red King Series
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet Series; Tucket Series
Pennypacker, Sara	Clementine Series
Rodda, Emily	Fairy Realm; Deltora Quest; Raven Hill Mysteries
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	Paint the Wind & Esperanza Rising
Sachar, Louis	Holes
Salisbury, Graham	Calvin Coconuts Trouble Magnet Series
Scieszka, Jon	Time Warp Trio Series
Snicket, Lemony	Series of Unfortunate Events Series
VanAllsburg, Chris	Jumanji; Garden of Abdul Gasazi; Probuditi
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Shredderman Series
Warner, Sally	Emma Series
White, E.B.	Charlotte's Web; Trumpet of the Swan; Stuart Little
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House on the Prairie Series

## Grades 3 and 4

### Non-Fiction

Arnold, Caroline	Shockers of the Sea: and Other Electric Animals
Arnosky, Jim	All About Sharks
Ballard, Robert D.	Exploring the Titanic
Berger, Melvin	Can You Hear A Shout In Space?; Why Don't Haircuts Hurt? Why Do Volcanoes Blow Their Tops?
Bredeson, Carmen	Great White Sharks Up Close
Chambers, Veronica	Amistad Rising
Facklam, Margery	Creepy, Crawly Caterpillars
French, Jackie	How To Scratch a Wombat ...
Freymann, Saxton	Knock, Knock
Genco, Elizabeth	Frankenstein
George, Jean Craighead	How to Talk to Your Dog
Goldberg, Whoopi	Big Book of Manners
Goldston, Bruce	Greater Estimations
Guiberson, Brenda	Ice Bears
Hanson, Anders	Cool Cards
McLimans, David	Gone Fishing ...
Rosenberg, Pam	Baseball Jokes; Bug Jokes
Salzmann, Mary E.	Cool Shells
Scieszka, Jon	Knucklehead
St. George, Judith	So You Want to be an Inventor?; So You Want to be President?
Wink, Walter	Optical Tricks; I Spy Series; Can You See What I See Series

### Poetry

Fleishman, Paul	Water Boatman; Joyful Noise
Florian, Douglas	Summersaults
George, Kristine	Any Title
Graham, Joan Bransfield	Flicker Flash
Griffiths, Andy	Cat on the Mat is Flat
Hopkins, Lee Bennett	Any Title
Janeczko, Paul B.	Dirty Laundry Pile; A Kick in the Head
Kennedy, X. J.	Exploding Gravy: Poems To Make You Laugh
Prelutsky, Jack	Something Big Has Been Here; My Dog May Be a Genius
Rochelle, Belinda	Words With Wings
Shaw, Alison (editor)	Until I Saw the Sea: A Collection of Seashore Poems
Tang, Greg	Math Appeal
Thayer, Ernest Lawrence	Casey at the Bat (ill. Christopher Bing)
Viorst, Judith	If I Were in Charge of the World; Sad Underwear

## Grades 3 and 4

### Folk and Fairytales

Aytesworth, Jim	Goldilocks & The Three Bears
Brett, Jan	Beauty and The Beast
Bryan, Ashley	Beautiful Blackbird
Climo, Shirley	World Cinderella Stories Series
DePaola, Tommy	Streg Nona, Fin M'Coull
Goble, Paul	Crow Chief
Kellogg, Steven	Any Tall Tale
Marshall, James	Any Folktales
McDermott, Gerald	Raven
Zelinsky, Paul O.	Rapunzel & Rumpelstilskin

### Biographies

Adler, David A.	Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man; Anne Frank
Albers Wing, Natasha	An Eye For Color ... Josef Albers
Cousteau, Berne	Manfish (Jacques Cousteau)
Fritz, Jean	Various Biographies
Golenbock, Peter	Teammates
Grimes, Nikki	Barack Obama
Farnsworth, Kathleen	The Boy Who Invented TV (Philo Farnsworth)
Harness, Cheryl	Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington, 1837-1865
Lasky, Kathryn	The Librarian Who Measured the Earth
Old, Wendie C.	To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers
Robinson, Tom	Derek Jeter: Captain On and Off the Field
Rockwell, Anne	They Called Her Molly Pitcher; Big George (President Washington)
Sis, Peter	Starry Messenger; Play, Mozart, Play
St. George, Judith	Make Your Mark, Franklin Roosevelt!
Wells, Rosemary	Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina

### **2012 Nutmeg Intermediate Book Award**

Broach, Elise	Masterpiece
Clements, Andrew	Extra Credit
DeFelice, Cynthia	Signal
Feldman, Jody	Gollywhopper Games
Hahn, Mary Downing	Deep And Dark And Dangerous
Kehret, Peg	Stolen Children
Klise, Kate	Dying To Meet You
Law, Ingrid	Savvy
Nelson, Peter	Herbert's Wormhole
Rodda, Emily	Key To Rondo





Dear New Fifth Grader,

Welcome to the Middle School! We hope that you will read frequently over the summer and really enjoy it. For summer reading, you should read at least two fiction and two nonfiction books. The fiction books should be chosen from this list, the Nutmeg Intermediate Award List, or the lists that are linked to this page. For nonfiction, you have a choice of reading from the list (the titles are related to what you will study next year) or something that you are interested in. You should keep track of the author and title of everything you read over the summer. You will be asked to share with your team something about the books that you read. Have a great summer, and I am looking forward to meeting you in September!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cietanno  
Library/Media Specialist

PS Keep an eye out at this website for details about this summer's reading challenge contest for the kiva who reads the most books.

## Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

### **Fantasy and Science Fiction**

Arnold, Louise	Golden & Grey; sequels
Benz, Derek	Revenge of the Shadow King; sequel
Boyce, Frank	Cosmic
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor the Overlander; sequels
Coville, Bruce	Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher; or any title
Dicamillo, Kate	The Magician's Elephant; any title.
Downer, Ann	Hatching Magic; The Dragon of Never Was
Duprau, Jeanne	City of Ember; sequels
Fardell, John	The 7 Professors of the Far North; sequel
Gutman, Dan	Homework Machine; any title
Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy
Janell, Lynn	Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat
Lasky, Kathryn	Guardians of Ga'Hoole series; Lone Wolf
Waugh, Sylvia	Space Race
Woodruff, Elvira	The Ravenmaster's Secret

### **Historical Fiction**

Anderson, Laurie Halse	Fever, 1793
Armstrong, Alan	Raleigh's Page
Carlson, Drew	Attack of the Turtle
Denenberg, Barry	The Journal of William Emerson: a Revolutionary War Patriot
Duey, Kathleen	Hoofbeats series
Durrant, Lynda	The Rose of Fort Henry
Harlow, Joan Hiatt	Joshua's Song
Holland, Robert	Eben Stroud
Lasky, Kathryn	Journey to the New World; The Royal Diaries series
McMullan, Kate	My Travels with Lewis and Clark
Myers, Anna	Spy!

### **Mystery**

Balliett, Blue	The Danger Box
Bruchac, Joseph	Skeleton Man; Return of Skeleton Man
Byars, Betsy	Disappearing Acts
DeFelice, Cynthia	The Ghost of Fossil Glen; or The Ghost of Cutler Creek
Holland, Robert	The Black Queen, or any title
Hoobler, Dorothy	The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn; or any title
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief, or any title

## **Realistic Fiction**

Angleberger, Tom	The Strange Case of Origami Yoda
Birdsall, Jeanne	The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale; sequel
Christopher, Matt	Soccer Halfback; any title
Davies, Jacqueline	The Lemonade War
Harlow, Jean	Thunder from the Sea; Star from the Sea
Horvath, Polly	Everything on a Waffle
Korman, Gorden	Swindle, sequels
Lupika, Mike	Travel Team; The Big Field; any title
Morpurgo, Micheal	Kensuke's Kingdom; any title
Napoli, Donna Jo	North
O'Connor, Barbara	The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis
Paterson, Katherine	The Same Stuff as Stars
Ritter, John H.	The Boy who Saved Baseball
Sachar, Louis	The Boy Who Lost His Face; any title
Seidler, Tor	Gully's Travels
Springstuff, Tricia	What Happened on Fox Street
Vanderpool, Clare	Moon Over Manifest
Wallace, Bill	Ferret in the Bedroom, Lizards in the Fridge; any title

## **Nonfiction: Reading for Information**

These are suggested titles; you may read any nonfiction book that interests you.

## **Science**

There's a Zoo on You by Kathy Darling  
The Greenwich Guide to the Seasons by Graham Dolan  
On the Wing: American Birds in Migration by Carol Lerner  
Earth: Our Planet in Space; Eyes and Ears by Seymour Simon  
Horseshoe Crabs and Shorebirds: The Story of a Food Web by Victoria Crenson  
An Extraordinary Life: the Story of a Monarch Butterfly; Snakes! Strange and Wonderful by Laurence Pringle  
A Caribou Journey by Debbie Miller  
Eureka! Great Inventions and How they Happened by Richard Platt  
A Drop of Blood by Paul Showers  
Children's Book of Yoga: Games and Exercises that Mimic Plants and Animals by Thia Luby

## **History**

George Washington; The Revolutionary John Adams; Thomas Jefferson; Remember the Ladies:  
One Hundred Great American Women by Cheryl Harness  
Animals on the Trail with Lewis and Clark by Dorothy Patent

## **Magazines**

Boy's Life

Cobblestone: Discover American History

Cricket

Faces: People, Places and Culture

Muse

New Moon: the Magazine for Girls and their Dreams

## **Reading for Literary Experience**

### **Poetry**

The Goof Who Invented Homework and other School Poems by Kalli Dakos

Poetry for Young People by Emily Dickenson

The Poetry Atlas of the United States by Lee Bennett Hopkins

For Laughing Out Loud: Poems to Tickle Your Funny Bone by Jack Prelutsky

The Fairies' Ring: A Book of Fairy Stories and Poems by Jane Yolen



Dear Sixth Grader,

We are encouraging all of you to read frequently this summer. Research has shown that students who continue to read over the summer perform better in the fall when school starts. Most of the authors on the sixth grade list have written many excellent books, and you can read any of them; I tried to allow as much flexibility as possible to include different reading levels. Besides the Nutmeg Award nominees, there are links to other lists of award-winning books. Please try to read at least two fiction titles from one of these lists. I would also like you to read some nonfiction (at least two books). Nonfiction reading, or reading for information rather than a story, is a very important skill. You can read any nonfiction book that is interesting to you. The important thing is that you read as much as you can over the summer; I hope you enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cietanno  
Library/Media Specialist

PS Watch our website for information on the summer reading challenge with a reward for the team who reads the most books.

## 2011 Sixth Grade Summer Reading List

### **Realistic Fiction**

Avi	The Seer of Shadows; any title
Berlin, Eric	The Puzzling World of Winston Breen; sequel
Boyce, Frank	Millions
Buyea, Rob	Because of Mr. Terupt
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Mr.Chickee’s Funny Money; sequel
Evans, Douglas	MVP: Magellan Voyage Project
Fitzmorris, Kathryn	The Year the Swallows Came Early
Frost, Helen	Diamond Willow
Ghent, Natalie	No Small Thing
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Pictures of Hollis Wood – Newbery Honor Book
Gorman, Carol	Stumptown Kid
Green, Tim	Baseball Great, Football Hero, Football Genius
Henkes, Kevin	Olive’s Ocean
Hiassen, Carl	Hoot; Flush; Scat
Holm, Jennifer	Turtle in Paradise; Newbery Honor Book
Lupika, Mike	Travel Team; or any title
Matthews, Ed	Fish
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Green Gables
McKay, Hilary	Saffy’s Angel; Indigo Star; Permanent Rose
Nazum, K.A	The Leanin’ Dog
O’Connor, Barbara	How to Steal a Dog
Paulsen,Gary	Brian’s Winter or any title
Smiley, Jane	A Good Horse; Georges and the Jewels
Stead, Rebecca	When You Reach Me; Newbery Award
Vanderpool, Clare	Moon Over Manifest; Newbery Award
Wiles, Deborah	Each Little Bird That Sings

### **Historical Fiction**

Avi	Iron Thunder
Brink, Carol Ryrie	Caddie Woodlawn
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Elijah of Buxton, Newbery Honor Book
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Nory Ryan’s Song
Hughes, Dean	Search and Destroy
LaFaye, A	Worth
Mazer, Harry	Boy No More; Boy at War
Parks, Linda Sue	A Single Shard
Pearsall, Shelley	Trouble Don’t Last
Smith, Roland	Elephant Run
Whelan, Gloria	Listening for Lions
White, Ellen Emerson	The Journal of Patrick Seamus Flaherty US Marine Corp

## **Mystery**

Allison, Jennifer

Avi

Balliet, Blue

Beil, Michael

Byars, Betsy

Hart, Alison

Hilgartner, Beth

Holmes, Barbara

Hoobler, Dorothy

Horowitz, Anthony

Lawrence, Caroline

Mikaelson, Ben

Skurzynski, Gloria

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Wood, Maryrose

Gilda Joyce: The Ladies of the Lake; sequel

Midnight Magic; Murder at Midnight

Chasing Vermeer; The Wright 3; The Calder Game

The Red Blazer Girls

The King of Murder; or any title

Shadow Horse

Murder for Her Majesty

Following Fake Man

In Darkness, Death; or any in series

Stormbreaker; sequels

Thieves of Ostia or any Roman Mystery

Sparrow Hawk Red

Rage of Fire or any Mysteries in Our National Parks

Sammy Keyes and the Cold, Hard Cash

The Incurrible Children of Ashton Place

## **Fantasy**

Benz, Derek

Bosch, Pseudonymous

Bredsdorff, Bodil

Carman, Patrick

Fox, Helen

Funke, Cornelia

Gaiman, Neil

Grant, Michael

Gutman, Dan

Hardinge, Frances

Mull, Brandon

Nimmo, Jenny

Pearce, Philippa

Pierce, Tamora

Delaney, Joseph

Kessler, Liz

Skye, Obert

Stewart, Trenton

Wilkinson, Carole

Revenge of the Shadow King

The Name of this Book is Secret; sequels

Crow-Girl

Thirteen Days to Midnight

Eager

Inkheart; Inkspell, Inkdeath

Coraline

The Fall: The Magnificent 12

Babe and Me or any title

Well Witched; Fly by Night

Fablehaven; sequels

Midnight for Charlie Bone; sequels

The Little Gentleman

Alanna, or any of her series

Revenge of the Witch: The Last Apprentice; sequels

Tail of Emily Windsnap

Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo

The Mysterious Benedict Society; sequels

Dragon Keeper; sequels

## **Suggested Nonfiction Titles**

**(Read any nonfiction book, these are suggestions)**

### **Science**

Albert Einstein: Scientist by Anne Marie Sullivan  
The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours by Jane Goodall  
Darwin: British Naturalist by Diane Cook  
Detective Science: 40 Crime-Solving, Case-Breaking Activities for Kids by Jim Wiese  
Digging for Bird Dinosaurs: An Expedition to Madagascar by Nic Bishop  
Drought and People: The Science of Weather by Nikki Bunday  
The Kid's Book of Weather Forecasting by Mark Breen  
The Math Book for Girls and Other Beings that Count by Valerie Wyatt  
Math Trek 2: A Mathematical Space Odyssey by Ivars Peterson  
Origami Paper Airplanes by Didier Boursin  
Raptor! A Kid's Guide to Birds of Prey by Chrystina Laubach  
Stephen Biesty's Incredible Cross-Sections by Stephen Biesty

### **Social Studies**

Africa is Not a Country by Margy Burns Knight  
The Children of China: An Artist's Journey by Song Nan Zhang  
Confucius: The Golden Rule by Russell Freedman  
Discovering World Cultures: Homes; Music and Dance; Food  
The Geography Bee Complete Preparation Handbook by Matthew Rosenberg  
How I Celebrate: A Young Person's Guide to the Festivals of the World by Pam Robson  
The Incredible Story of China's Buried Warriors by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent  
The Silk Route: 7,000 Miles of History by John Major  
What You Never Knew About Fingers, Forks, and Chopsticks by Patricia Lauber  
52 Days by Camel: My Sahara Adventure by Lawrence Raskin  
The World's Top Ten Rivers by Neil Morris

### **Reading for Literary Experience**

Around the World in Eighty Poems by James Berry  
The Book of Dragons by Michael Hague  
But that's Another Story: Favorite Authors Introduce Popular Genres by Sandy Asher  
The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural by Patricia McKissack  
Growing Up Stories by Betsy Byars  
Hour of Freedom: American History in Poetry by Milton Meltzer  
Rolling in the Aisles: A Collection of Laugh-Out-Loud Poems by Bruce Lansky  
Song of the Water Boatman: and Other Pond Poems by Joyce Sidman  
Whisper and Shout: Poems to Memorize edited by Patrice Vecchione

## Summer Reading Seventh Grade Fiction

Read at least two books from this list or the Nutmeg Teen Award List

### **Realistic Fiction**

Applegate, Katherine	Home of the Brave
Baskin, Nora	Anything but Typical
Bauer, Joan	Squashed; Rules of the Road; Best Foot Forward
Bloor, Edward	Tangerine
Clinton, Cathryn	A Stone in My Hand
Connors, Leslie	Waiting for Normal; Crunch
Cushman, Karen	The Loud Silence of Francine Green
DeFelice, Cynthia	Under the Same Sky
Deuker, Carl	Night Hoops; any title
Dowd, Siobhan	The London Eye Mystery
Ellis, Deborah	The Breadwinner, Parvana's Journey, Mud City
Feinstein, John	Change-up: Mystery at the World Series; any title
Hobbs, Valerie	Defiance
Holmes, Sara	Operation Yes
Holt, Kimberly	When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
Jaramilla, Ann	La Linea
Jordan, Sherryl	Raging Quiet
Kadohata, Cynthia	Kira-Kira; Weedflower
Lenhard, Elizabeth	Chicks with Sticks: It's a Purl Thing
Lockhart, E	The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks
Lupika, Mike	Travel Team; any title
Mikaelsen, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear; Ghost of Spirit Bear
Morey, Walt	Canyon Winter; any title
Ritter, John	Under the Baseball Moon
Staples, Suzanne Fisher	Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind; Haveli, The House of Djinn
Schmidt, Gary	The Wednesday Wars
Turner, Megan Whalen	The Thief; The Queen of Attolia; The King of Attolia; Conspiracy of Kings
Yohalim, Eve	Escape Under the forever Sky

### **Mystery**

Abrahams, Peter	Down the Rabbit Hole, Behind the Curtain
Holland, Robert	The Black Queen; any title
Madison, Bennett	Any Lulu Dark mystery
Pullman, Philip	Ruby in the Smoke; any title
Updale, Eleanor	Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman? (sequels)

### **Fantasy**

Alexander, Lloyd	The Book of Three any title
Barron, TA	The Great Tree of Avalon: Child of the Dark Prophecy; any title
Bell, Hilari	Flame; The Goblin Wood; any title
Bloor, Edward	Crusader
Card, Orson Scott	Ender's Game, or any of his series
Constable, Kate	Singer of All Songs; The Waterless Sea
Divakaruni, Chitra	The Conch Bearer, The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming
Farmer, Nancy	The House of the Scorpion, The Sea of Trolls; sequels
Fletcher, Susan	The Shadow Spinners; any title

Gardner, Sally	I, Coriander; sequel
Gaiman, Neil	The Graveyard Book
Gilman, David	Devil's Breath
Hale, Shannon	The Goose Girl; Enna Burning; River Secrets; Forest Born
Horowitz, Anthony	Raven's Gate, or any of the Alex Rider series
Kaaberbal, Lene	The Shamer's Daughter, (sequels)
Klass, David	Firestorm; Whirlwind; Timelock
McGraw, Eloise	The Moorchild
Nix, Garth	Mister Monday (sequels)
Pattou, Edith	East
Pierce, Tamora	Trickster's Choice, or any of her series
Pullman, Philip	The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass
Sage, Angie	Magyk; Flyte; Physik; Queste
Shusterman, Neal	Full Tilt; any title
Westerfeld, Scott	The Uglies, sequels
Yolen, Jane	The Sword of the Rightful King; any title

### **Historical Fiction**

Bagdasarian, Adam	Forgotten Fire
Bartoletti, Susan	The Boy who Dared
Bondoux, Anne Laure	Time of Miracles
Hearn, Julia	The Minister's Daughter
Hughes, Dean	Soldier Boys; Search and Destroy
Ibbotson, Eva	The Dragonfly Pool
Larson, Kirby	Hattie Big Sky
Lawrence, Ian	B for Buster
Lisle, Janet Taylor	The Art of Keeping Cool
Mazer, Harry	A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor
Salisbury, Graham	Under the Blood-Red Sun, Eyes of the Emperor
Yolen, Jane	The Queen's Own Fool: Mary, Queen of Scots; any title
Wolf, Allen	New Found Land: Lewis and Clark's Voyage of Discovery

### **Literary Experience**

#### **Poetry**

Nye, Naomi Nye	19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East
Rosen, Michael, ed.	Classic Poetry: An Illustrated Collection
Hopkins, Lee Bennett	My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States
Kennedy, Caroline	The Best Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

#### **Biography**

Armstrong, Lance	It's Not About the Bike
Garner, Eleanor Ramrath	Eleanor's Story: An American Girl in Hitler's Germany
Lobel, Anita	No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War

## Summer Reading Eighth Grade

### **Fiction**

Read at least two titles from this list, The Nutmeg Teen Award List, or the linked lists.

#### **Realistic Fiction**

Anderson, Laurie Halse	Speak; any title
Bauer, Joan	Hope Was Here
Carter, Alden	Bull Catcher
Cochran, Thomas	Roughnecks; Knights of the Hill Country
Cooney, Caroline	Code Orange; any title
Crutcher, Christopher	Whale Talk
Cummings, Priscilla	The Red Kayak
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watson's Go To Birmingham; any title
Dygdard, Thomas	Backfield Package; any title
Edwardson, Debby	Blessing's Bead
Ferris, Jean	Invincible Summer, or any title
Flinn, Alexandra	Breathing Underwater
Gardner, Graham	Inventing Elliot
Johnson, Angela	First Part Last
Johnson, Maureen	The Key to the Golden Firebird; any title
Konigsburg, EL	Silent to the Bone; any title
Lee, Marie	Necessary Roughness
Lipsythe, Robert	The Contender
Mahy, Paul	These Are the Rules
Morey, Walt	Death Walk; any title
McCaughrean, Geraldine	White Darkness
Murdock, Catherine Gilbert	Dairy Queen; sequels
Schmidt, Gary	Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy; Trouble
Simmons, Michael	Finding Lubchenko
Perkins, Lynne Rae	Criss Cross* Newbery Award; As Easy as Falling Off the Edge of the Earth
Plummer, Louise	The Unlikely Romance of Kate Bjorkman
Sedgwick, Marcus	Revolver
Shelden, Dyan	Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen
Sonnenblick, Jordan	After Ever After; Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie
Taylor, Mildred	The Land, or any title
Werlin, Nancy	The Killer's Cousin
Williams-Garcia, Rita	Like Sisters on the Homefront
Wolff, Virginia	Make Lemonade, True Believer; This Full House
Woodson, Jacqueline	After Tupac & D Foster

## **Fantasy**

Brennan, Herbie	Faerie Wars; sequels
Bacigalupi, Paolo	Ship Breaker
Crossley-Holland, Kevin	The Seeing Stone, sequels
Clement-Davies, David	Firebringer, sequels
Clements, Andrew	Things Not Seen; Things Hoped For
Collins, Suzanne	Hunger Games; Catching Fire; Mockingjay
Flanagan, John	Ranger's Apprentice series
Gaiman, Neil	The Graveyard Book * Newbery Award 2009
Goodman, Allegra	The Other Side of the Island
Grant, Michael	Gone; Lies; Hunger
Jones, Diane Wynne	The Dark Lord of Derkholm, or any title
Laddington, L.J.	The Diary of Pelli D.; Cherry Heaven
Marchetta, Melina	Finnikin of the Rock
Nix, Garth	Sabriel; any title
Oppel, Kenneth	Half Brother
Pearson, Mary	The Adoration of Jenna Fox
Pfeffer, Susan Beth	Life as We Know It; Dead and the Gone
Rees, Douglas	Vampire High
Reeve, Philip	Fever Crumb; Mortal Engines; sequels
Reichs, Kathy	Virals
Stroud, Jonathan	The Amulet of Samarkind; sequels
Westerfield, Scott	The Uglies; sequels; Levithian
White, T.H.	The Once and Future King
Zevin, Gabrielle	Elsewhere

## **Historical Fiction**

Chevalier, Tracy	The Girl with the Pearl Earring
Crowe, Chris	Mississippi Trial, 1955
Donahue, John	An Island Far From Home
Geras, Adele	Troy; Ithaka
Hoffman, Alice	Incantation
Klein, Lisa	Two Girls of Gettysburg
McKernan, Victoria	Devil's Paintbox
Myers, Walter Dean	Riot
Paulsen, Gary	Soldier's Heart
Reeder, Carolyn	Before the Creeks Ran Red
Rinaldi, Ann	Girl in Blue, or any title
Wells, Rosemary	Red Moon at Sharpsberg
Wiles, Deborah	Countdown
Williams, Jeanne	The Confederate Fiddle

## **Literary Experience**

### **Short Stories**

Connections: Short Stories by Outstanding Writers, ed by Donald R. Gallo

The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural by Patricia McKissack

The Dark Way: Stories from the Spirit World by Virginia Hamilton

On the Fringe ed. By Donald R. Gallo

Ultimate Sports ed. By Donald R. Gallo

Who Am I Without Him? by Sharon Flake

### **Poetry**

Ann and Seamus by Kevin Major

Earth-Shattering Poems, Liz Rosenberg, ed.

I Feel a Little Jumpy Around You: A Book of Her Poems and His Poems, Naomi Shihab Nye

It's a Woman's World: A Century of Women's Voices in Poetry, Neil Philip, ed.

Pierced by a Ray of Sun: Poems about the Times We Feel Alone, Ruth Gordon, ed.

What Have You Lost? By Naomi Shihab Nye

Who Do You Think You Are? David Woolger, ed.

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."*

- "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut." Dr. Seuss

