

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL
7th and 8th GRADE
SUMMER READING LIST - 2009

May 2009

Dear Entering 8th Graders and Families,

Summer is just around the corner, and with its arrival comes the opportunity to plan for great vacation reading choices. Below find a list designed to meet the reading interests of 7th and 8th grade students. Please note the “**New and Noteworthy**” books - these titles represent many of the best books published during the past year and include Spring 2009 titles as well. In addition to the required summer reading title, please choose three additional titles to read over the summer. Therefore, all students entering 8th grade are expected to read a total of four books during the summer. The Brookwood Summer Reading Lists may be found online on the Library website:

URL: <http://www.brookwood.edu/library/>

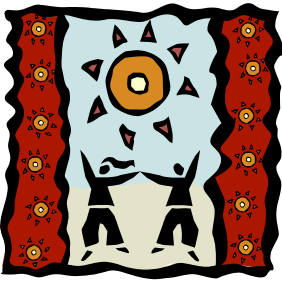
Entering 8th Grade Summer Reading Requirements:

- All 8th grade students are required to read *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie and *Red Moon at Sharpsburg* by Rosemary Wells. Students will receive copies of the books from the school before the end of the year. A related assignment will be distributed with the book.
- Choose **two** additional books from *the 7th and 8th Grade School Summer Reading List*, or select other titles that satisfy reading interests.

Thank you for making reading a family priority this summer and always.

Sincerely,

Team 8 Teachers, Mrs. Fox, and Mrs. Geraty



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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY BOOKS – Books published in 2008/2009

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Chains: Seeds of America

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Applet, Kathi

The Underneath

2009 Newbery Honor Book! An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell *The Boy Who Dared*

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Brashares, Ann

3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows

Ama, Jo, and Polly, three close friends from Bethesda, Maryland, spend the summer before ninth grade learning about themselves, their families, and the changing nature of their friendship.

Cashore, Kristin

Graceling

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Cherry, Lynne

How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming

A great book that explores the science behind climate change and where scientists look for clues.

Collins, Suzanne

The Hunger Games

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another.

Connor, Leslie

Waiting for Normal

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

Deem, James M. ***Bodies From the Ice: Melting Glaciers and Rediscovery of the Past***
Recounts the discovery of the oldest human mummy in the 1990s by two mountain climbers on the Austrian border, in this exciting volume that reveals how glaciers, hulking masses of moving ice, are now offering up many secrets from the past.

Denenberg, Barry ***Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered***
A fictitious/biographical account of Lincoln's death "one year" after he was shot. This book is designed to look like a commemorative newspaper of the time.

Doctorow, Cory ***Little Brother***
After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

Dowd, Siobhan ***The London Eye Mystery***
When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Engle, Margarita ***The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom*** Cuba has fought three wars for independence, and still she is not free. This history in verse creates a lyrical portrait of Cuba.

Fleischman, Sid ***The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild Wild West***

Freedman, Russell ***Washington at Valley Forge***
Washington's army nearly perished during the winter of 1777-78. Camped at Valley Forge, the revolutionaries endured severe hardship. The army's supply system had collapsed and they were without supplies. But when the harsh winter ended, the soldiers had survived, and marched away from Valley Forge more determined than ever.

Gaiman, Neil ***The Graveyard Book***
2009 Newbery Award winner! Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

Coraline – Graphic novel

Goodman, Alison ***Eon: Dragoneye Reborn***
Sixteen-year-old Eon hopes to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune and learn to be its main interpreter, but to do so will require much, including keeping secret that she is a girl.

Gratz, Alan ***Brooklyn Nine: A Novel in Nine Innings***
In loosely connected chapters, Gratz examines how one Brooklyn family is affected by the game of baseball.

Hiaasen, Carl ***Scat***

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

Ibbotson, Eva ***The Dragonfly Pool***

Tally, a twelve-year-old English girl, and her classmates at Delderton, a progressive boarding school, help Karil, the young prince of Bergania, escape into England after the Nazis invade Bergania and kill the king.

Jinks, Catherine ***Genius Squad***

Sequel to ***Evil Genius***. After the Axis Institute is blown up, fifteen-year-old Cadell Piggot is unhappily stuck in foster care with constant police surveillance to protect him from the evil Prosper English until he gets an offer to join a mysterious group called Genius Squad.

Lockhart, E. ***The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks***

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

Macaulay, David ***The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body***

Explores the complex inner workings of the human body in a visual study of anatomy and physiology that ranges from the cells that form the building blocks of the body, to the individual organs and systems and how they function.

Mass, Wendy ***Every Soul a Star***

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of different personal problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert ***Princess Ben***

A girl is transformed, through instruction in life at court, determination, and magic, from sullen, pudgy, graceless Ben into Crown Princess Benevolence, a fit ruler of the kingdom of Montagne as it faces war with neighboring Drachensbett.

Myers, Walter Dean ***Sunrise Over Fallujah***

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

Naidoo, Beverly ***Burn My Heart***

Matthew and Mungo, boys with a different skin color and culture, have a friendship that is tested during the Mau Mau bid for national independence.

Pearson, Mary E. ***The Adoration of Jenna Fox***

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Pratchett, Terry ***Nation***
After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

Reeve, Philip ***Here Lies Arthur***
When her village is attacked and burned, Gwyna seeks protection from the bard Myrddin, who uses Gwyna in his plan to transform young Arthur into the heroic King Arthur.

Riodian, Rick ***The Last Olympian*** - Latest in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series! While the Olympians struggle to contain the rampaging monster Typhon, Kronos begins his advance on New York City, where Mount Olympus stands virtually unguarded. Now it's up to Percy Jackson and an army of young demigods to stop the Lord of Time.

Sandler, Martin W. ***Lincoln Through the Lens: How Photography Revealed and Shaped an Extraordinary Life***

Scott, Michael ***The Sorceress*** - The latest title in the **Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel** series (***The Alchemist, The Magician***)

Tan, Shaun ***Tales From Outer Suburbia***
Fifteen illustrated short stories, some humorous and some haunting, set in the Australian suburbs.

Turner, Pamela S.. ***Life on Earth--and Beyond: an Astrobiologist's Quest***

Werlin, Nancy ***Impossible***
When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes to break the curse she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born in order to save them both.

Wood, Don ***Into the Volcano***
While their parents are away doing research, brothers Duffy and Sumo Pugg go with their cousin, Mister Come-and-Go, to Kokalaha Island, where they meet Aunt Lulu and become trapped in an erupting volcano.

Nelson, Scott Reynolds ***Ain't Nothing But a Man: My Quest to find the Real John Henry*** – The historian and biographer searches for the truth about strong man, John Henry.

GENERAL SUMMER READING LIST



Classics

Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women</i>
Baum, L. Frank	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> series
Frank, Anne	<i>Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
Hunt, Irene	<i>Across Five Aprils</i>
Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World</i>
London, Jack	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>
Montgomery, L. M.	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
Orwell, George	<i>1984 Nineteen Eighty Four</i>
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Steinbeck, John	<i>The Red Pony</i>
Tolkein, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>
White, T. H.	<i>The Once and Future King</i>



Realistic Fiction

Balliett, Blue	<i>Chasing Vermeer</i> and <i>The Wright 3</i> and <i>The Calder Game</i>
Boyce, Frank	<i>Framed</i>
Broach Elise	<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>
Carter, Amy	<i>I'd Tell You I Love You, But then I'd Have to Kill You</i> and sequels
Dessen, Sarah	<i>The Truth About Forever</i> and others titles
Dowd, Siobhan	<i>The London Eye Mystery</i>
Duncan, Lois	<i>Summer of Fear</i> and others
Hautman, Pete	<i>Godless</i>
Hobbs, Will	<i>Crossing the Wire</i> and others

Lisle, Janet Taylor
Lupica, Mike
Myers, Walter Dean
Ryan, Pan Munroz
Woodson, Jacquelyn

Black Duck
The Big Field and others
Monster and others
Esperanza Rising and *Paint the Wind*
Behind You and others



Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie H.
Boyne, John
Chotjewitz, David
Curtis, Christopher P.
Grant, K. M.

Fever, 1793 and *Speak*
The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas
Daniel, Half-Human and the Good Nazi
Elijah of Buxton
De Granville trilogy - *Blood Red Horse*, *Blaze of Silver* and others

Grey, Christopher

Leonardo's Shadow: Or, My Astonishing Life as Leonardo da Vinci's Servant

Houston, Julian

New Boy

Kadohata, Cynthia

Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam

Klages, Ellen

The Green Glass Sea

Meyers, L. A.

The Bloody Jack Adventure titles

Myers, Walter Dean

Fallen Angels

Philbrick, Nathaniel

Revenge of the Whale

Salisbury, Graham

Eyes of the Emperor

Schlitz, Laura.

A Drowned Maiden's Hair

Spillebeen, Geert.

Kipling's Choice

Wilson, Diane Lee

Black Storm Comin'

Zusak, Markus

The Book Thief



Fantasy and Science Fiction

Anderson, M. T.

Feed

Baron, T. H.

The Last Years of Merlin and others

Card, Orson Scott

The Ender's Game (The Enders Saga series)

Colfer, Eoin

Artemis Fowl series

Collins, Suzanne
Cooper, Susan
Crichton, Michael
Crossley-Holland, K.
Dunmore, Helen
Farmer, Nancy
Funke, Cornelia
Flanagan, John
Horowitz, Anthony
Jacques, Brian
LeGuin, Ursula
Opper, Kenneth.
Patterson, James
Pierce, Tamara
Paolini, Christopher
Pratchett, Terry
Pfeffer, Susan
Pullman, Philip
Reeve, Philip
Riordan, Rick
Rowling, J. K.
Stroud, Jonathan
Thompson, Kate
Turner, Megan W.
Westerfield, Scott

Gregor the Overlander (The Underland Chronicles)
The Dark is Rising sequence and **Victory**
The Andromeda Strain and others
King of the Middle-March - second in the trilogy
Ingo
The Sea of Trolls and **The Land of the Silver Apples**
The House of the Scorpion
The Thief Lord and **Inkheart and Inkdeath**
The Ranger's Apprentice series
Alex Rider adventure series
The Redwall series
A Wizard of Earthsea and others in the series
Skybreaker (sequel to **Airborn**)
Maximum Ride series
Tricksters Choice and other titles
Eragon and **Eldest** and **Brisingsr**
The Discworld sequence
Life as We Knew It
The Golden Compass and others in trilogy
The Hungry City Chronicles
Percy Jackson and the Olympians series
Harry Potter series
The Bartimaeus Trilogy
The New Policeman and **The Last of the High Kings**
The King of Attolia and others in trilogy
The Uglies sequence and **Midnighters** series



Graphic Books

Carey, Mike
Colfer, Eoin
Gaiman, Neil
Horowitz, Anthony

Re-Gifters
Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel
Coraline
Alex Rider graphic series

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Strum, James

Yang, Gene Luen

Sis, Peter



NONFICTION

Gore, Al

Hoose, Phillip M.

Jackson, Donna M.

Krakauer, Jon

Nelson, Kadir



Biography

Bartoletti, Susan C.

Delano, Marfé F.

Fleischman, Sid

Johnson, Dolores



Poetry

Collins, Billy

Grandits, John

Nye, Naomi Shihab

Oliver, Mary

Rosenberg, Liz

Vecchione, Patrice

Wolf, Alan

Kampung Boy and Town Boy

Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow

American Born Chinese

The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain

An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warning

We Were There, Too!: Young People in U.S. History

Phenomena: Secrets of the Senses

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow

Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein

Escape!: the Story of the Great Houdini

Onward: A Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson.

Sailing Alone Around the Room and other poetry titles

Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems

Come With Me: Poems for a Journey and others

New and Selected Poems and other poetry titles

Earth-Shattering Poems

Truth and Lies: An Anthology of Poems and others

Immersed in Verse : An Informative, Slightly Irreverent & Totally Tremendous Guide to Living the Poet's Life

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