

2010 Summer Reading List
Incoming 7th Grade

Students are encouraged to **read at least 1 book from this list** plus 2 more books of their choice, for a total of 3 books.

Avi. ***Crispin: The Cross of Lead.***

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret (Any in the Series).

Choldenko, Gennifer. ***If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period.***

Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, alternate telling how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate, even as they are uncovering a long-kept secret about themselves.

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, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place (Any in the Series).

Chatterton, Martin. ***The Brain Finds a Leg.***

In Farrago Bay, Australia, thirteen-year-old Sheldon is recruited by a new student, Theo Brain, to help investigate a murder, which is tied not only to bizarre animal behavior but also to a diabolical plot to alter human intelligence.

Duncan, Lois. ***The Third Eye.***

High school senior Karen, who worries that her psychic powers will make her seem different from other people, is frightened at first when a young policeman asks her to use her gift to help the police locate missing children.

Dunmore, Helen. ***Ingo.***

As they search for their missing father near their Cornwall home, Sapphy and her brother Conor learn about their family's connection to the domains of air and of water (Any in the Series.)

Ellis, Deborah. ***The Breadwinner.***

Young Parvana lives with her family in one room of a bombed-out apartment building in Kabul, Afghanistan. Because Parvana's father has a foreign education, he is arrested by the Taliban. The family becomes increasingly desperate until Parvana conceives a plan.

Gaiman, Neil. ***The Graveyard Book.***

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

Green, Tim. ***Football Genius.***

Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players.

Hinton, S.E. ***That was Then, This is Now.***

Sixteen-year-old Mark and Bryon have been like brothers since childhood, but now, as their involvement with girls, gangs, and drugs increases, their relationship seems to gradually disintegrate.

Horvath, Polly. ***My One Hundred Adventures.***

Twelve-year-old Jane, who lives at the beach in a run-down old house with her mother, two brothers, and sister, has an eventful summer accompanying her pastor on bible deliveries, meeting former boyfriends of her mother's, and being coerced into babysitting for a family of ill-mannered children.

Horvath, Polly. ***Northward Moon.***

A sequel to *My One Hundred Adventures* finds Jane leaving her short-lived residence in Canada and envisioning a series of exciting new adventures before confronting the reality of her family's life on the road.

Kadohata, Cynthia. ***Kira-Kira.***

Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-Americans sisters, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

Korman, Gordon. ***Swindle.***

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker (Sequel: Zoobreak).

London, Jack. ***White Fang***

The adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf and who eventually makes his peace with man.

Low, Dene. ***The Entomological Tales of Augustus T. Percival: Petronella Saves Nearly Everyone***

When guests begin to disappear at Petronella Arbuthnot's sixteenth birthday party, and strange ransom notes are found, it is up to her bug-eating guardian, Uncle Augustus, to figure out who is behind such dastardly deeds.

Lupica, Mike. ***The Million-dollar Throw.***

Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie's family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy, and Nate is frantic because his best friend Abby is going blind, so when he gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot's game, he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed (Any book by this author).

McKellar, Danica. ***Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math.***

Demystifies middle-school math concepts that are most challenging, sharing step-by-step instructions for developing real-world math skills, providing time-saving tips and tricks, and offering practice problems with detailed answers and explanations.

Mlynowski, Sarah. ***Bras & Broomsticks.***

Living in New York City with her mother and her younger sister, Miri, fourteen-year-old Rachel tries to persuade Miri, who has recently become a witch, to help her become popular at school and to try to stop their divorced father's wedding. (Series)

Nicholls, Sally. ***Ways to Live Forever.***

Eleven-year-old Sam McQueen, who has leukemia, writes a book during the last three months of his life, in which he tells about what he would like to accomplish, how he feels, and things that have happened to him.

Peet, Mal. ***Keeper***

The legendary El Gato ("The Cat") quietly narrates a spellbinding tale that begins in a mythic corner of the South American rainforest, where a ghostly but very real mentor, the Keeper, emerges to teach the gangly boy the most thrilling secrets of the game.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. ***Becoming Naomi Leon.***

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.

Scott, Michael Dylan. ***The Alchemyst: the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel.***

While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life (Any in the Series).

Steward, Trenton Lee. ***The Mysterious Benedict Society.***

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules (Any in the Series).

Whelan, Gloria. ***After the Train.***

Ten years after the end of the Second World War, the town of Rolfen, West Germany, looks just as peaceful and beautiful as ever, until young Peter Liebig discovers a secret about his past that leads him to question everything, including the town's calm facade and his own sense of comfort and belonging.