



## MIDDLE SCHOOL READING LIST 2010

### Summer Reading Requirements

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

***The Revealers*** by Doug Wilhelm

4 free choice from different genres; keep a reading log (see website)

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

***Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*** by Jordan Sonnenblick

4 books of your choice; keep a reading log (see website)

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

***Ender's Game*** by Orson Scott Card

1 book from the Percy Jackson & the Olympians series by Rick Riordan

3 books of your choice; keep a reading log (see website)

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Abrahams, Peter **DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE: AN ECHO FALLS MYSTERY**

Ingrid Levin-Hill, 13, is also a fleet-footed soccer player with a knack for stage acting—skills that come in handy when she finds herself caught in a police investigation. Also **BEHIND THE CURTAIN**

Almond, David **COUNTING STARS**

British author David Almond shares a collection of stories about his childhood; they are half autobiography, half fictional short stories. Also **KIT'S WILDERNESS** and **SKELLIG**

Avi **CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD** and **CRISPIN: AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD**

After being declared an outlaw by his manor's corrupt steward, Crispin has to flee the tiny village that's the only world he's ever known. With plenty of action and adventure, **CRISPIN: AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD** will make fans eager for the final installment.

Balliett, Blue **CHASING VERMEER**

Two sixth grade friends try to unravel the mystery of who has stolen a Vermeer. Try to solve this interactive mystery!

Bauer, Joan **HOPE WAS HERE**

Aunt Addie and Hope have been a pair ever since Hope's waitress mother abandoned her as a baby. **HOPE WAS HERE** is a 2001 **Newbery Honor Book**.

Bausum, Ann **WITH COURAGE AND CLOTH: WINNING THE FIGHT FOR A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE**

It may be hard to believe but there was a time in the United States when women were not allowed to vote. Winning that right was a 72-year struggle that ended with the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Billingsley, Franny **THE FOLK KEEPER**

Orphan Carinna disguises herself as a boy to pose as a Folk Keeper, one who keeps Evil Folk at bay, and discovers her own heritage as a result.

Bridges, Ruby **THROUGH MY EYES**

Surrounded by federal marshals, 6-year-old Ruby Bridges became the first black student ever at the all-white William Frantz Public School in New Orleans, Louisiana, on November 14, 1960.

Allen, Thomas B. **GEORGE WASHINGTON SPYMASTER: HOW AMERICA OUTSPIED THE BRITISH AND WON THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR**

Washington's use of spies makes a convincing case for the pivotal role that espionage played in defeating the British during the Revolutionary War.

Cabot, Meg **PRINCESS DIARIES**

Offbeat Mia is now considered the crown princess of Genovia. Meg Cabot's writing is silly and entertaining, with tons of pop culture references that will make teens feel right at home within her pages. This is a wonderfully wacky read. Also: **PRINCESS IN THE SPOTLIGHT**, **PRINCESS IN LOVE**

Campbell, Eric **PLACE OF LIONS**

Stranded by a plane crash on the Serengeti, 14-year-old Chris is the only person who can save his father and the pilot.

Card, Orson Scott **ENDER'S GAME** (series)

Andrew Wiggins saves the Earth from evil aliens.

Cochran, Thomas **ROUGHNECKS**

The Oil Camp Roughnecks are playing the Pineview Pelicans for the Louisiana AA state high school football championship.

Colfer, Eoin **ARTEMIS FOWL**

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. His idea of capturing a fairy for ransom is clever and innovative. Also **ARCTIC INCIDENT**, **THE ETERNITY CODE**, **ETC...**

Creech, Sharon **WALK TWO MOONS**

Salamanca Tree Hiddle begins to accept the loss of her mother through telling her grandparents stories about herself and her best friend on a cross-country trip. Also **WANDERER** and **ABSOLUTELY NORMAL CHAOS**

Curtis, Christopher Paul **BUD, NOT BUDDY**

Motherless Bud shares his amusingly astute rules of life as he hits the road to find the jazz musician he believes is his father. Also **ELIJAH OF BUXTON**

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Curtis, Christopher Paul **THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM - 1963**

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Cushman, Karen **THE LOUD SILENCE OF FRANCINE GREEN**

Francine wishes she could be like the Hollywood movie stars she adores because "they always knew what to say." Also **THE BALLAD OF LUCY WHIPPLE**

DiCamillo, Kate **BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE**

Because of a big, ugly dog, 10-year-old Opal begins to find her place in the world and let go of some of the sadness left by her mother's abandonment seven years earlier.

D'Lacey, Chris **THE FIRE WITHIN**

David discovers that a collection of hand-crafted, clay dragons come to life and have magical powers. Sequels: **ICEFIRE** and **FIRE STAR**

Dokey, Cameron **BEAUTY SLEEP**

The *Sleeping Beauty* fairy tale is turned into a fantastical romance with adventure, magic and humor thrown in for good measure.

Deuker, Carl **NIGHT HOOPS**

Nick Abbott enters high school determined to play varsity basketball. His talent grows because of nightly one-on-one games; as his skill develops he gains his father's approval. Also **ON THE DEVIL'S COURT**

DuPrau, Jeane **THE CITY OF EMBER**

Ember, built as a last refuge for the human race, is running out of power; twelve-year-old Lina thinks there may yet be hope when she finds part of an ancient message that may hold a key to survival.

Farmer, Nancy **SEA OF TROLLS**

Jack was eleven when the berserkers loomed out of the fog and nabbed him. This is an adventure-quest that follows in the spirit of the saga of Beowulf. Also **THE LAND OF THE SILVER APPLES** and **THE ISLANDS OF THE BLESSED**

Flanagan, John **THE RUINS OF GORLAN (THE RANGER'S APPRENTICE, BOOK 1)**

Will hopes to become a knight; instead, he winds up as a Ranger's apprentice, joining the secretive corps that uses stealth, woodcraft, and courage to protect the kingdom. Also **THE KINGS OF CLONMEL: BOOK 8**

Fleischman, Sid **ESCAPE!: THE STORY OF THE GREAT HOUDINI**

This biography reestablishes its subject as the amazing genius he truly was. Also **THE ABRACADABRA KID** Fleischman's autobiography.

Frank, Anne **THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL**

This is the incredible true story of a German-Jewish family's harrowing experience during World War II.

Freedman, Russell **THE ADVENTURES OF MARCO POLO**

Illustrated introduction to Marco Polo's travels and the tales that he told about them.

Funke, Cornelia **THE THIEF LORD**

This suspenseful tale begins when young Prosper spirits his little brother, Boniface, to Venice in an attempt to keep from being separated after their parents' death. Also **INKHEART**

Gaiman, Neil **THE GRAVEYARD BOOK**

Nobody Owens grows up in a graveyard, where the ghostly inhabitants adopt him and keep him safe.

Gantos, Jack **JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY**

Joey's life is a terrifying roller-coaster ride and Gantos drags the reader along to see what life is like with ADD. The story is written from the boy's point of view in a sharp, worried style that veers out of control when Joey does. Also **JOEY PIGZA LOOSES CONTROL**

Greenberg, Jan **HEART TO HEART: New Poems Inspired by Twentieth-Century American Art**

Specially commissioned, original poems celebrate some of the finest twentieth-century American art in this beautiful, surprising volume.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson **AMONG THE IMPOSTERS**

Sequel to **AMONG THE HIDDEN** picks up with Luke finally out of hiding and going to boarding school under an assumed identity. Also **AMONG THE BETRAYED, AMONG THE BARONS, AMONG THE ENEMY AND AMONG THE FREE**

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Hale, Shannon **PRINCESS ACADEMY**

When it is announced that the prince will choose a bride from their village, Miri, the prize student in the Princess Academy, gets her chance to shine.

Hale, Shannon **GOOSE GIRL**

On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity. New: **PRINCESS ACADEMY**

Hiaasen, Carl **SCAT**

When their unpopular biology teacher goes missing during a field trip, Nick and Marta decide to do some investigating of their own. Also **HOOT** and **FLUSH**

Hobbs, Will **FAR NORTH**

Based upon factual accounts, this wilderness survival tale pits two teens and an aged Dene Indian against the fierce Canadian winter. Also **DOWN RIVER, GHOST CANOE** and **RIVER THUNDER**

Hoffman, Mary **THE FALCONER'S KNOT**

Silvano and Chiara are teens sent to live in a friary and a nunnery in Renaissance Italy. When murders are committed in the friary, they must discover who is behind the crimes.

Hoose, Phillip **CLAUDETTE COLVIN: TWICE TOWARD JUSTICE**

Nine months before Rosa Parks' history-making protest on a city bus, Claudette Colvin, a 15-year-old Montgomery, Alabama, high-school student, was arrested and jailed for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger. Biography, National Book Award.

Horowitz, Anthony **STORMBREAKER (ALEX RIDER ADVENTURE)**

Finding out what really killed his uncle "and saving England" become young Alex's new life mission. Latest **CROCODILE TEARS (ALEX RIDER, NO. 8)**.

Hunter, Erin **INTO THE WILD**

This book begins the series that tells the saga of Rusty (a kittypet) who chooses to join the hidden, heroic world of the Forest Clans, wild cats who follow a "warrior code" of honor and loyalty to clan.

Jiménez, Francisco **THE CIRCUIT**

The author perfectly portrays an immigrant child's view of leaving Mexico for California to pursue a better life. The very hard times of the late 1940s are presented without sentiment or melodrama. **BREAKING THROUGH** continues the story of the author's teenage years, when Francisco and his family are caught by

immigration officers and forced to leave their California home.

Jones, Diana Wynne **HOUSE OF MANY WAYS**

Returning to the world of *Howl's Moving Castle*, we meet Charmain, whose mother doesn't ever let her do anything that's not respectable--not laundry, not cooking and certainly not magic. Sequel to **HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE** and **CASTLE IN THE AIR**

Kelly, Jacqueline **THE EVOLUTION OF CALPURNIA TATE**

Unlike other girls her age, Callie is most content when observing and collecting scientific specimens with her grandfather.

Konigsburg, E. L. **SILENT TO THE BONE**

With the help of his half-sister and some canny detective work, Connor uncovers a complex, multilayered tale of human desires, adolescent confusion, and a touch of menace. Also **THE OUTCASTS OF 19 SCHUYLER PLACE**.

Levine, Gail Carson **ELLA ENCHANTED**

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the gift bestowed upon her at birth by Lucinda, a very foolish fairy. Also **THE FAIRY'S MISTAKE, THE WISH** and **THE PRINCESS TEST**

Lickiss, Rebecca **NEVER AFTER**

A fractured fairy tale, this clever, and surprisingly substantial story is about Princess Vevila, who is off seeking adventure instead of Prince Charming.

London, Jack **CALL OF THE WILD**

When Buck is taken to the wilds of the North, the gentle but huge dog becomes a vicious pack leader in order to survive. Can Buck ever learn to live life with a man again?

Lowry, Lois **THE GIVER**

Jonas lives in a society devoid of conscience, color, memory and emotion; a chilling tale that inspires a new appreciation for diversity, love and even pain.

Lowry, Lois **NUMBER THE STARS**

Ellen, a young Jewish girl, is taken in by the Johansen family to hide from the Nazis.

Lupica, Mike **HEAT**

When Michael Arroyo is on the baseball

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diamond, everything feels right. He's a terrific pitcher who dreams of leading his South Bronx All-Stars to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Lupica, Mike **MIRACLE ON 49TH STREET**

When 12-year-old Molly Parker returns to America from England following her mother's death from cancer, she harbors a secret: her father is the star point guard of the Boston Celtics.

McKinley, Robin **THE BLUE SWORD**

Harry Crewe is an orphan girl who comes to live in Damar. Her life is quiet and ordinary until the night she is kidnapped and taken deep into the desert. Harry is to be trained in the arts of war until she is a match for any of his men.

Matas, Carol & Perry Nodelman **AFTER THE WAR**

The only member of her family to survive the Second World War, fifteen-year-old Ruth returns to her village, only to find that everything has changed and joins "Brichah," an underground organization that helps people get to Palestine.

Mikaelsen, Ben **TOUCHING SPIRIT BEAR**

Cole Matthews is a violent juvenile offender; his quest for healing while being banished to a remote island off the coast of Alaska is a great wilderness survival tale.

Brandon Mull **FABLEHAVEN**

Kendra and Seth find themselves in the midst of a battle between good and evil when they visit their grandparents' estate and discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures. Also **RISE OF THE EVENING STAR; GRIP OF THE SHADOW PLAGUE; SECRETS OF THE DRAGON SANCTUARY; KEYS TO THE DEMON PRISON**

Murdock, Catherine **PRINCESS BEN**

Princess Benevolence, the kingdom's heir, finds her life unbearable. But she discovers a hidden wizard's room in the castle and begins teaching herself enchanted spells from a book she finds there.

Murphy, Jim **AN AMERICAN PLAGUE: THE TRUE AND TERRIFYING STORY OF THE YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC OF 1793**

The yellow fever epidemic of 1793, was a crisis of monumental proportions. Murphy chronicles this frightening time with solid research and a flair for weaving facts into fascinating stories.

Myers, Walter Dean **SOMEWHERE IN THE DARKNESS**

A teenage boy accompanies his father, who has recently escaped from prison, on a trip that turns out to be an often painful time of discovery for them both. Also **SLAM**

Napoli, Donna Jo **STONES IN THE WATER**

Roberto and his Jewish friend are taken by German soldiers from a movie theater and sent to work in Germany. Also **ZEL, BOUND and CRAZY JACK**

Jenny Nimmo **CHARLIE BONE AND THE RED KNIGHT**

Charlie and his friends take on the most powerful and dangerous magic in Book Eight of this series. Also **MIDNIGHT FOR CHARLIE BONE**

Nix, Garth **MISTER MONDAY**

The first book in the Keys to the Kingdom series. Why is Arthur roaming around in an extraordinary house? Because he's a keyholder - but that was Mr. Monday's big mistake; see if you can work out who's on Arthur's side, and who isn't. Also **GRIM TUESDAY, DROWNED WEDNESDAY, SIR THURSDAY, etc...**

Nix, Garth **ABHORSEN**

The long-awaited confrontation between good and evil finally takes place in this conclusion to Nix's trilogy. First **SABRIEL** followed by **LIRAEI**

Oppel, Kenneth **AIRBORN**

Victorian-era fantasy follows the adventures of Matt, a 15-year-old cabin boy aboard the *Aurora*, a luxury airship that is part dirigible, part passenger cruise ship. New: **SKYBREAKER** and **DARKWING**

Paolini, Christopher **ERAGON (Inheritance, Bk.1)**

A peasant named Eragon finds a marvelous blue stone that hatches into a beautiful sapphire-blue dragon, which leads him into a struggle to save his world. Sequel **ELDEST**; new, book 3 **BRISINGR**

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Park, Linda Sue **A SINGLE SHARD**

A village of potters is the setting where orphan Tree Ear grows from apprentice to artist in this **Newbery Award Book**.

Perkins, Lynne Rae **CRISS CROSS**

Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, and search for the meaning of life and love. This is a sequel to **ALL ALONE IN THE UNIVERSE**.

Pierce, Tamora **SANDRY'S BOOK**

Rescued by a powerful mage and brought to a school of magic, Sandry one of four children, each orphaned or unwanted, discovers her previously unrealized magical powers. Sequels **DAJA'S BOOK**, **TRIS'S BOOK**, **BRIAN'S BOOK**

Pullman, Phillip **GOLDEN COMPASS** (series)

Fierce armored polar bears, a secret golden time-travel device, and a brave heroine, Lyra, journey to the far north to rescue kidnapped children in this complex fantasy adventure. The first of a trilogy; sequels **SUBTLE KNIFE** and **AMBER SPYGLASS**

Raskin, Ellen **THE WESTING GAME**

Each of sixteen people invited to the reading of Sam Westing's strange will is given \$10,000 and a set of clues; first person to solve the riddle becomes a millionaire.

Riordan, Rick **THE RED PYRAMID**

Sadie and Carter Kane discover that the gods of Egypt are waking, and the worst of them--Set--has his sights on the siblings.

Riordan, Rick **THE LAST OLYMPIAN BOOK 5**

This is the momentous final book in Percy Jackson and the Olympians series.

J. K. Rowling **HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS (Book 7)**

The last of the Harry Potter books.

Ryan, Pam Munoz **ESPERANZA RISING**

When 14-year-old Esperanza's father is killed, she and her mother emigrate to the U.S., where Esperanza's transformation from a pampered, self-important rich girl to a generous and self-aware young woman takes place.

Sachar, Louis **HOLES**

Stanley Yelnats (his name is a palindrome) finds himself digging holes at a Texas detention camp for

wayward boys in this stunningly circular novel about bad luck, justice, friendship and fate.

Salisbury, Graham **LORD OF THE DEEP**

While vividly conveying the pace and dangers of sport fishing, the book's real focus is the shifting, complex relationship between Mikey and his step-father, Bill.

Selznick, Brian **THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET**

This is a visually stunning story; different from a graphic novel yet filled with beautiful, text-less drawings. The book is a fast read in spite of its 530 pages. It alternates between the drawings and a few pages of text; an interesting effect as you become engrossed in the story, and then walk through the drawings almost like you are seeing a silent movie.

Schmidt, Gary D. **THE WEDNESDAY WARS**

On Wednesday afternoons, while his Catholic and Jewish schoolmates attend religious instruction, Holling, the only Presbyterian in his seventh grade, is alone in the classroom with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, who Holling is convinced hates his guts.

Sleator, William **THE BOY WHO REVERSED HIMSELF**

When Laura discovers that the unpopular boy living next door to her has the ability to go into the fourth dimension, she makes the dangerous decision to accompany him. Also **INTERSTELLAR PIG** and **OTHERS SEE US**

Shusterman, Neal **DOWNSIDERS**

A parallel world exists in New York City. The two worlds meet when 14-year-old Lindsay meets a boy called Talon who is from the Downside.

Snicket, Lemony **THE END (A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS, BOOK 13)**

After a singularly bad beginning, the Baudelaire orphans, Violet, Klaus, and Sunny, have finally reached the end.

Sonnenblick, Jordan **DRUMS, GIRLS AND DANGEROUS PIE**

Steven Alper is a typical eighth-grader--smarter than some, a better drummer than most, but with the usual girl problems and family trials.

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Spinelli, Jerry **SPACE STATION SEVENTH GRADE**  
Seventh-grader Jerry discovers that junior high school has its good and bad points when he scuffles with a girl trombone player, endures gym class showers, makes moose calls in assembly, and falls in love. Also **CRASH, MANIAC MAGEE** and **STARGIRL**

Stead, Rebecca **WHEN YOU REACH ME**  
Shortly after sixth-grader Miranda and her best friend Sal part ways, she starts receiving mysterious notes which accurately predict the future.

Stevenson, Robert Louis **TREASURE ISLAND**  
Jim Hawkins, the cabin boy on a pirate ship, tells of the perilous adventures of a band of fortune seekers. The action moves from an inn to the high seas and on to secret islands with buried treasure. Also **KIDNAPPED**

Stroud, Jonathan **AMULET OF SMARAKAND** The Bartimaeus Trilogy, Book 1  
Nathaniel has been apprenticed for several years and at the age of 12, he has finally been Named and is on his way to becoming a real magician. Suddenly, London is in an uproar. The Amulet of Samarkand has been stolen! Sequel **THE GOLEM'S EYE** and **PTOLEMY'S GATE**

Sturtevant, Katherine **AT THE SIGN OF THE STAR**  
London, twelve-year-old Meg Moore stands to inherit her father's entire estate. Because she is an heiress, Meg will be able to take part in the bookselling trade - her greatest wish - and will be able to choose her own husband.

Taylor, Mildred D. **THE ROAD TO MEMPHIS**  
On the eve of World War II, Cassie Logan is finishing high school and dreaming of college when a violent racial incident forces her to help a good friend escape to the north.

Taylor, Mildred **THE LAND**  
A prequel to **Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry**, this is the story of her African-American family in the Deep South during and after the Civil War.

Tolkien, John **THE HOBBIT**  
This fantasy classic tells of the adventures of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit. Three volume sequel: **THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING, THE TWO TOWERS**, and **THE RETURN OF THE KING**

Tolan, Stephanie S. **SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES**  
In this laugh-out-loud novel, a young teen on the fast track to the juvenile detention center suddenly finds

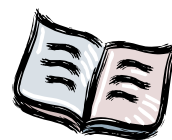
himself living in rural North Carolina with the outrageously eccentric Applewhite clan.

Warren, Andrea **ORPHAN TRAIN RIDER : ONE BOY'S TRUE STORY**  
Lee was seven when his mother died in 1924. After two years in an orphanage, he was put on a very special train. About 200,000 children journeyed on the Orphan Trains between 1854 - 1930. The trains were seen as an attempt to solve social problems of the late nineteenth century.

Wilhelm, Doug **THE REVEALERS**  
Wilhelm has created three characters with qualities that make them targets of school bullies, but also make them capable of combining efforts and mounting a terrific, innovative defense.

Wrede, Patricia **DEALING WITH DRAGONS**  
Unconventional Cimorene, fed up with her dull life as a princess, runs away and joins the dragons. A fun book that turns fairy tales upside down.

Yolen, Jane **Dragon's Blood: The Pit Dragon Chronicles, Volume 1**  
Jakkin, steals a dragon hatchling that he plans to raise as a pit fighter; by training a champion, Jakkin can win his own freedom. Also **HEART'S BLOOD** and **A SENDING OF DRAGONS**



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