



Essex Intermediate School

Summer Reading

2016



Name: _____ Grade: _____

Virginia Standards of Learning:

6th Grade: Students will read independently and in groups for appreciation and comprehension of a variety of fiction, narrative nonfiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Both classic and recent works will be included. Students will apply critical reading and reasoning skills across the content areas, including history and social science, science, and mathematics.

7th Grade: Students will read and understand information from various sources including a variety of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. They will continue to read for appreciation and comprehension in both classic and recent works. Students will apply critical reading and reasoning skills across the content areas, including history and social science, science, and mathematics.

8th Grade: Students will continue to develop appreciation of literature through the study of literary elements in classic and contemporary selections. They will describe themes and inferred main ideas, interpret cause-effect relationships, and draw conclusions from a variety of literary and informational selections. Students will build on the foundations for literacy developed in the previous grades. When selecting texts, teachers will consider appropriateness of subject and theme as well as text complexity. Students will apply critical reading and reasoning skills across the content areas, including history and social science, science, and mathematics.

Summer Goals: 6th grade 300-450 pages; 7th grade 400-550 pages; 8th grade 500-650 pages

Ideally, students should read 20 minutes each day.

Reader Response Questions

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three things I learned are. . . 2. (Name a character) surprised me when. . . 3. This reminds me of. . . 4. The best part of this section was. . .because. . . 5. These pages were interesting because. . . 6. These pages were boring because. . . 7. I can relate to (name a character) because. . . 8. The setting is important because. . . | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. A really good description is. . . 10. (Name a literary device) was used in line. . . 11. I predict _____ will happen. . . 12. I want to know more about. . . 13. The conflict in this section is. . . 14. The theme in this story is. . . 15. Summarize what happened in this section |
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LOG - In order to receive credit, quality responses are expected.

Date and title of what you read	Pages read from ___ to ___ Total: _____	Respond to one of the Reader Response Questions each time you read	Unfamiliar words and pages found
Example: <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> Mon 6/17/13	18-22 5 pages	8. The setting is important because the island he is on is like a character in the story. It makes life difficult for him and the setting, the island, is what causes him to change.	solitary p. 19 parched p. 21



Response Option Blocks for students entering Grades 6-8

Directions: For just one of the books that you chose to read this summer, please choose one of the activities below and complete it before school begins. Use your response option activity project to share your book when you return to school. Points will be added to the first quarter grade for **quality** work that is turned in by the end of the first week of school.

<p>Create a "soundtrack" for the book. What 5 songs would you choose? Give an explanation for why you chose each song and how it connects to the events or characters in the book. Include the title, artist, and lyrics for each song.</p>	<p>Write a proposal to have the book you've read made into a movie. Include which actors will play the main characters in the movie and why, and the location where the movie will be filmed and why. Create the movie poster for the book. It should include elements from a real movie poster such as slogan, the actors, and the rating. (Note: The book cannot already be a movie.)</p>	<p>Create a timeline of 10 events for the book, including an illustration and a caption for each event. You can create your timeline on paper or using an online timeline program such as one of these: http://timeline.thinkport.org/ or http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/timeline/ If you do an online timeline, be sure to let your teacher know the URL and how to best access your timeline.</p>
<p>Create an Outstanding Award for the hero of the book. Describe the characteristics of the hero and why those characteristics were deserving of this special award.</p>	<p>Enlist some friends to help you recreate a short scene from the book and use your acting skills to turn your summer reading into a short video. Be sure to save your video on a thumb drive or DVD for your teacher to view.</p>	<p>Pretend you are a talk show host and one character from the book will be a guest on your show. Create a transcript of the interview which includes an introduction of the character to the audience and 5 "why" or "how" questions that you, the host, would ask the character. Then, answer each question in the character's voice.</p>
<p>Create a graphic organizer that shows four objects or symbols to represent the book. Explain what each object, or symbol, represents and explain how the symbol is important to the book. You could create a poster, PowerPoint, or use an online organizer site such as Popplet (www.popplet.com) or Bubbl.us (www.bubbl.us)</p>	<p>Write a review of your book. Give two opinions about it and cite examples using quotations from the book to support why you think it is an interesting book or not. Include whether you would recommend it to a friend and say why or why not. Be specific in your details.</p>	<p>Turn your favorite scene in the book into a comic strip. Create a free account at www.toondoo.com. You will then be able to create your characters and the speech bubbles to fit your passage. Include the title of the book, author, and page numbers for your favorite scene. Print out your finished product to share.</p>
<p>Snap digital photos and create a slideshow that represents your book. You can use Windows Movie Maker, or you can use Animoto (www.animoto.com), which allows you to create a free 30-min. video.</p>	<p>Pretend you could put yourself in the book. Write a short essay explaining where you would put yourself and why. How would your presence change the story?</p>	<p>Imagine that you are the author of the book. In a short essay, describe what happens to a character years before or years after the story takes place.</p>



Rising Sixth Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

This list includes a wide variety of books to appeal to the interests and reading levels of many students. You may also choose to read books that are not on this list, but the books should be appropriate for the grade level and reading level. Parents are encouraged to review book selections with students in order to help them make suitable choices.

Author	Title	Genre
Amateau, Gigi	<i>Come August, Come Freedom: The Bellows, The Gallows, and The Black General Gabriel</i> (RL 5.7)	Historical Fiction
Amato, Mary	<i>The Naked Mole-Rat Letters</i> (RL 4.6)	Realistic Fiction
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Fever 1793</i> (RL 5)	Fiction/Action
Angleberger, Tom	<i>Strange Case of Origami Yoda</i> (RL 4.7); <i>Darth Paper Strikes Back</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Applegate, Katherine	<i>Home of the Brave</i> (RL 3.5)	Fiction
Armstrong, Alan	<i>Whittington</i> (RL 4.4)	Fiction
Avi	<i>S.O.R. Losers</i> (RL 5)	Fiction/Comedy
Balliet, Blue	<i>The Wright 3</i> (RL 5.7)	Fiction
Barrett, Tracy	<i>The 100-Year-Old Secret</i> (RL 4.9)	Mystery
Barry, Dave	<i>Peter and the Starcatchers</i> (RL 5.6)	Fantasy/Adventure
Bartoletti, Susan	<i>The Boy Who Dared</i> (RL 4.9)	Historical Fiction
Bauer, Joan	<i>Almost Home</i> (RL 3.9)	Fiction
Beard, Darleen Bailey	<i>Annie Glover is not a Tree Lover</i> (RL 6.2)	Fiction
Berlin, Eric	<i>The Puzzling World of Winston Breen: The Potato Chip Puzzles</i> (RL 4.2)	Fiction
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Penderwicks</i> (RL 5.6)	Realistic Fiction
Birney, Betty G.	<i>The World According To Humphrey</i> (RL 4.2)	Fiction
Black, Holly & Tony DiTerlizzi	<i>The Spiderwick Chronicles series</i> (RL 4)	Fantasy
Bowen, Fred	<i>Quarterback Season</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Carbone, Elisa	<i>Storm Warriors</i> (RL 5.5)	Historical Fiction
Carson, Ben	<i>Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story</i> (RL 6.8)	Nonfiction
Cerrito, Angela	<i>The End of the Line</i> (RL 3.5)	Contemporary Fiction
Christopher, Matt	<i>The Kid who Only Hit Homers</i> (RL 3.9)	Sports Fiction
Clements, Andrew	<i>About Average</i> (RL 5.5); <i>Trouble Makers</i> (RL 5.5)	Fiction
Colfer, Eoin	<i>The Artemis Fowl series</i> (RL 5.5)	Fantasy
Collins, Suzanne	<i>Gregor the Overlander series</i> (RL 4.8)	Fantasy
Coman, Carolyn	<i>The Big House</i> (RL 5.8)	Fiction
Conner, Leslie	<i>Waiting for Normal</i> (RL 3.7)	Contemporary Fiction
Cooper, Susan	<i>The Boggart</i> (RL 6.1)	Fiction
Corbett, Sue	<i>Free Baseball</i> (RL 4.3)	Realistic Fiction
Creech, Sharon	<i>The Great Unexpected</i> (RL 4.3)	Fiction
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Elijah of Buxton</i> (RL 4.5); <i>The Mighty Miss Malone</i> (RL 4.7)	Historical Fiction
Cushman, Karen	<i>The Ballad of Lucy Whipple</i> (RL 5.8)	Historical Fiction
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>The Magician's Elephant</i> (RL 5.0); <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> (RL 3.9)	Fiction

Dixon, Franklin	<i>Hardy Boys series</i> (RL 4.9)	Mystery
Dowell, Frances	<i>Chicken Boy</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction
Draper, Sharon	<i>Out of My Mind</i> (RL 4.3)	Fiction
DuPrau, Jeanne	<i>The City of Ember series</i> (RL 5.0)	Fantasy
Edwards, Julie	<i>The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles</i> (RL 4.4)	Fiction
Ericson, John	<i>The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog</i> (RL 4.5)	Mystery
Erskine, Kathryn	<i>Mockingbird</i> (RL 3.6)	Contemporary Fiction
Feinstein, John	<i>Last Shot (A Final Four Mystery)</i> (RL 4.8)	Sports Fiction
Fitzgerald, Dawn	<i>Vinnie and Abraham</i> (RL 5.4)	Biography
Fleishman, Sid	<i>The White Elephant</i> (RL 4.3); <i>Jim Ugly</i> (RL 4.3)	Fiction
Fleming, Candace	<i>Amelia Lost</i> (RL 6.6)	Biography
Freedman, Russell	<i>Freedom Walkers</i> (RL 7.7); <i>Children of the Wild West</i> (RL 6.9)	Nonfiction
Frost, Helen	<i>Hidden</i> (RL 3.9)	Mystery
Funke, Cornelia	<i>The Thief Lord</i> (RL 4.8); <i>Inkheart</i> trilogy (RL 5.4)	Fiction; Fantasy
Giff, Patricia	<i>Eleven</i> (RL 4.1)	Contemporary Fiction
Gipson, Fred	<i>Old Yeller</i> (RL 5.0)	Animal Fiction
Grogan, John	<i>Marley: A Dog Like no Other</i> (RL 4.9)	Nonfiction
Gutman, Dan	<i>Jackie & Me Baseball Card Adventure</i> (RL 4.3)	Sports Fiction
Haddix, Margaret	<i>Found</i> (RL 5)	Science Fiction
Hale, Shannon	<i>Palace of Stone</i> (RL 5.2)	Fiction
Hall, Alvin	<i>Show Me the Money</i> (RL 5.7)	Nonfiction
Hautzig, Esther	<i>The Endless Steppe</i> (RL 6.3)	Nonfiction
Hamilton, Bethany	<i>Soul Surfer</i> (RL 6)	Biography
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Chomp</i> (RL 5.2)	Fiction
Higgins, F.E.	<i>Black Book of Secrets</i> (RL 5.9)	Mystery
Hobbs, Will	<i>Ghost Canoe</i> (RL 5.9)	Fiction
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>Annie and Helen</i> (RL 5.4)	Biography
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Alex Rider series</i> (RL 5)	Fiction/Action
Howe, James and Deborah	<i>Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery</i> (RL 4.2)	Comedy
Hunter, Erin	<i>Warriors: The Power of Three series</i> (RL 6)	Fantasy
Ibbotson, Eva	<i>The Star of Kazan</i> (RL 6.1)	Historical Fiction
Juster, Norton	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> (RL 6.7)	Fiction
Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam</i> (RL 4.9)	Historical Fiction
Keene, Carolyn	<i>Nancy Drew series</i> (RL 4.5)	Mystery
Kenedy, Marlane	<i>Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes</i> (RL 4.8)	Realistic Fiction
Klise, Kate	<i>Dying to Meet You: 43 Old Cemetery Road</i> (RL 4.9); <i>Trial by Journal</i> (RL 6)	Fiction
Korman, Gordon	<i>On the Run series</i> (RL 5) or <i>Island series</i> (RL 4); <i>Swindle</i> (RL 5)	Fiction
Krulik, Nancy	<i>How I Survived Middle School series</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction/Friendship

LaFaye, A.	<i>Worth</i> (RL 4.5)	Historical Fiction
Lauber, Patricia	<i>Lost Star: The Story of Amelia Earhart</i> (RL 6)	Nonfiction
Law, Ingrid	<i>Savvy</i> (RL 6)	Fiction
Lewis, C.S.	<i>Chronicles of Narnia series</i> (RL 5.9)	Fiction
Lombard, Jenny	<i>Drita, My Homegirl</i> (RL 3.9)	Realistic Fiction
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules</i> (RL 3.9)	Fiction
Lourie, Peter	<i>The Polar Bear Scientists</i> (RL 8.3)	Nonfiction
Lupica, Mike	<i>Heat</i> (RL 5.3); <i>Travel Team</i> (RL 5.4); or <i>The Big Field</i> (RL 5.3)	Sports Fiction
Martin, Ann	<i>A Dog's Life</i> (RL 5.1)	Animal Fiction
Mass, Wendy	<i>11 Birthdays</i> (RL 4.1)	Fiction
Murphy, Jim	<i>An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793</i> (RL 9)	Nonfiction
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Bad Boy: A Memoir</i>	Nonfiction
Nelson, Pete	<i>Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis</i> (RL 8.3)	Nonfiction
Nielsen, Jennifer	<i>The False Prince</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction
Nimmo, Jenny	<i>Midnight for Charlie Bone</i> (RL 4.8)	Fantasy
Palacio, R.J.	<i>Wonder</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Park, Linda Sue	<i>A Long Walk to Water</i> (RL 5); <i>A Single Shard</i> (RL 6.6)	Fiction
Patent, Dorothy	<i>Dogs on Duty</i> (RL 7.1)	Nonfiction
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Lawn Boy</i> (RL 4.3)	Comedy Fiction
Peck, Richard	<i>The Secrets at Sea</i> (RL 4.2)	Fiction
Pullman, Philip	<i>Scarecrow and His Servant</i> (RL 5.3)	Fantasy
Rawls, Wilson	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> (RL 4.9)	Animal Fiction
Ray, Jennifer	<i>Yellow Star</i> (RL 4.3)	Historical Fiction
Reeder, Carolyn	<i>Captain Kate</i> (RL 6)	Fiction
Reinhardt, Dana	<i>The Summer I Learned to Fly</i> (RL 4.7)	Fantasy
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Maze of Bones</i> (39 Clues series) (RL 4.3)	Mystery
Rinaldi, Ann	<i>Sarah's Ground</i> (RL 4.7)	Historical Fiction
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i> (RL 5.4)	Realistic Fiction
Sage, Angie	<i>Magyk</i> (RL 6)	Fantasy
Sandler, Martin	<i>The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure</i> (RL 8.2)	Nonfiction
Schmidt, Gary	<i>Okay for Now</i> (RL 4.9)	Fiction
Scott, Elaine	<i>Buried Alive</i> (RL 7.3)	Nonfiction
Selznick, Brian	<i>Wonderstruck</i> (RL 5.4)	Fiction
Smith, Jeff	<i>Out from Boneville</i> (RL 2.4)	Graphic Novel
Smith, Roland	<i>Storm Runners</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction/Adventure
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Crash</i> (RL 3.6)	Fiction
Taylor, Greg	<i>Killer Pizza</i> (RL 5.2)	Mystery
Telgemeier, Raina	<i>Drama</i> (RL 2.3)	Graphic Novel
Thimmesh, Catherine	<i>Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women</i> (RL 7.4)	Biography

Turnage, Shelia	<i>Three Times Lucky</i> (RL 3.9)	Fiction
Wadsworth, Ginger	<i>First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low</i> (RL 8)	Nonfiction
Walker, Sally	<i>Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley</i> (RL 8.2)	Nonfiction
Weeks, Sarah	<i>Pie</i> (RL 5.6)	Fiction
White, Andrea	<i>Surviving Antarctica</i> (RL 4.5)	Fantasy
White, Ruth	<i>You'll Like it Here (Everybody Does)</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Wiles, Deborah	<i>Each Little Bird that Sings</i> (RL 4.5)	Realistic Fiction
Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>One Crazy Summer</i> (RL 4.6)	Fiction

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<u>Nonfiction Topics You will Study in 6th Grade:</u>			
Reconstruction	Spanish American War	World War I	Force, Motion, Energy
Harlem Renaissance	Great Depression	World War II	Cold War
Korean Conflict	Vietnam	Civil Rights Movement	US Geography
Solar Energy	Matter	Water	Earth's atmosphere
Watershed systems	Solar System	Environment	

Also, Don't forget about the Summer Programs offered at our Essex County Public Library.





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Allison, Jennifer	<i>Gilda Joyce series</i> (RL 6)	Fiction
Appelt, Kathi	<i>The Underneath</i> (RL 5.2)	Fiction/ Animals
Avi	<i>Fighting Ground</i> (RL 4.2)	Fiction
Barry, Dave	<i>Science Fair</i> (RL 5.5)	Mystery
Bartoletti, Susan	<i>They Called Themselves the K.K.K: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group</i> (RL 9.2)	Nonfiction
Bausum, Ann	<i>Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement</i> (RL 7.8)	Nonfiction
Beatty, Patricia	<i>Lupita Manana</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Blumenthal, Karen	<i>Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawlessness of Prohibition</i> (RL 9.1)	Nonfiction
Bowen, Fred	<i>Quarterback Season</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Boyne, John	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i> (RL 5.8)	Historical Fiction
Bridges, Ruby	<i>Through My Eyes</i> (RL 5.9)	Nonfiction
Burnford, Sheila	<i>The Incredible Journey</i> (RL 7.6)	Classic
Burns, Loree	<i>The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe</i> (RL 7.5)	Nonfiction
Byars, Betsy	<i>Pinballs</i> (RL 3.8)	Fiction
Carbone, Elisa	<i>Blood on the River: James Town 1607</i> (RL 5.3)	Historical Fiction
Collins, Suzanne	<i>Gregor the Overlander series</i> (RL 4.8); <i>The Hunger Games trilogy</i> (RL 5.3)	Fantasy/Science Fiction
Cooper, Susan	<i>Over Sea, Under Stone</i> (RL 5.4)	Fantasy
Creech, Sharon	<i>Walk Two Moons</i> (RL 4.9)	Fiction
Cushman, Karen	<i>Catherine Called Birdy</i> (RL 6.4)	Fiction
Danzinger, Paula	<i>The Cat Ate my Gymsuit</i> (RL 3.9)	Fiction
Delaney, Joseph	<i>The Last Apprentice series</i> (RL 5.9)	Fantasy
Draper, Sharon	<i>Out of My Mind</i> (RL 4.3)	Contemporary Fiction
DuPrau, Jeanne	<i>Books of Embers series</i> (RL 5)	Science Fiction
Emerson, Scott	<i>The Adventures of Samuel Blackthorne series</i> (RL 6.8)	Mystery
Feinstein, John	<i>Coverup</i> (RL 4.9)	Mystery
Flake, Sharon	<i>The Skin I'm In</i> (RL 4.1)	Fiction
Flanagan, John	<i>The Ruins of Gorlan</i> (RL 7)	Fantasy
Fox, Paula	<i>One-Eyed Cat</i> (RL 5.4)	Animal Fiction
Frost, Helen	<i>Hidden</i> (RL 3.9)	Mystery
Gaines, Ernest	<i>The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman</i> (RL 4.6)	Historical Fiction
Giff, Patricia	<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i> (RL 4.4)	Fiction

Greene, Bette	<i>Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe</i> (RL 5)	Fiction
Haddix, Margaret	<i>Running Out of Time</i> (RL 4.8)	Science Fiction
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>MC Higgins the Great</i> (RL 4.4)	Fiction
Hesse, Karen	<i>Just Juice</i> (RL 3.8)	Fiction
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Chomp</i> (RL 5.7)	Adventure Fiction
Holm, Jennifer	<i>Our Only May Amelia</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Hughes, Susan	<i>Case Closed? Nine Mysteries Unlocked by Modern Science</i> (RL 7.4)	Nonfiction
Hubbard, Mandy	<i>You Wish</i> (RL 5.1)	Contemporary Fiction
Hyde, Catherine	<i>Diary of a Witness</i> (RL 3.7)	Contemporary Fiction
Ibbotson, Eva	<i>The Dragonfly Pool</i> (RL 6.5)	Fiction
Isaacs, Anne	<i>Torn Thread</i> (RL 6.3)	Fiction
Jinks, Catherine	<i>Evil Genius</i> (RL 4.9)	Adventure
Juster, Norton	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> (RL 6.7)	Fantasy
Konigsberg, E. L.	<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction/Comedy
Kurlansky, Mark	<i>World Without Fish</i> (RL 5.5)	Nonfiction
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> series (RL 4.7)	Fantasy
Levine, Gail	<i>Ella Enchanted</i> (RL 4.6)	Fantasy
Magoon, Kekla	<i>The Rock and the River</i> (RL 3.9)	Historical Fiction
Martin, Ann	<i>A Corner of the Universe</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
McKinley, Robin	<i>Beauty</i> (RL 4.6)	Fantasy
Mikaelsen, Ben	<i>The Ghost of Spirit Bear</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Miller, Sarah	<i>Miss Spitfire: Reaching Heller Keller</i> (RL 5.8)	Historical Fiction
Nielsen, Jennifer	<i>The False Prince</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction
Nix, Garth	<i>The Keys to the Kingdom</i> series (RL 6)	Fantasy
O'Dell, Scott	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> (RL 5.4)	Adventure
Palacio, R.J.	<i>Wonder</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon</i> series (RL 5.6)	Fantasy
Park, Linda Sue	<i>A Long Walk to Water</i> (RL 5)	Fiction
Peck, Richard	<i>A Long Way from Chicago</i> (RL 5)	Fiction
Preller, James	<i>Bystander</i> (RL 4.2)	Contemporary Fiction
Rallison, Janette	<i>It's a Mall World After All</i> (RL 5)	Contemporary Fiction
Reinhardt, Dana	<i>The Summer I Learned to Fly</i> (RL 4.7)	Fantasy
Riordan, Rick	<i>Percy Jackson</i> series (RL 4.7)	Fantasy
Robinson, Sharon	<i>Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America</i> (RL 7)	Nonfiction
Rowling, J.K.	<i>Harry Potter</i> series (RL 5.5)	Fantasy
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i> (RL 5.3)	Fiction
Sayers, Gail	<i>I Am Third</i> (RL 7.6)	Autobiography
Schmidt, Gary	<i>Okay for Now</i> (RL 4.9)	Fiction
Selznick, Brian	<i>Wonderstruck</i> (RL 5.4)	Fiction
Sepetys, Ruta	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i> (RL 3)	Fiction
Shusterman, Neal	<i>Downsiders</i> (RL 7.2)	Contemporary Fiction
Smith, Roland	<i>Storm Runners</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction/Adventure
Snicket, Lemony	<i>A Series of Unfortunate Events</i> series (RL 6.6)	Fiction/Adventure
Sonnenblick, Jordan	<i>Notes from the Midnight Driver</i> (RL 5.5)	Realistic Fiction

Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Crash</i> (RL 4.9); <i>Stargirl</i> (RL 4.2)	Fiction
Springer, Nancy	<i>Somebody</i> (RL 4.5)	Contemporary Fiction
Staples, Suzanne	<i>Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind</i> (RL 5.9)	Fiction
Stewart, Trenton	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i> (RL 5.6)	Mystery
Swanson, James	<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i> (RL 7.5)	Historical Fiction
Testa, Dom	<i>The Comet's Curse</i> (RL 6)	Science Fiction
Tolkien, J. R. R.	<i>The Hobbit</i> (RL 6.6)	Fantasy
Ullman, James	<i>Banner in the Sky</i> (RL 5.1)	Adventure
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>Flipped</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Westerfeld, Scott	<i>Leviathan series</i> (RL 5.3); <i>The Uglies</i> (RL 5.2)	Fantasy
White, Ruth	<i>You'll Like it Here (Everybody Does)</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Wiles, Deborah	<i>Each Little Bird that Sings</i> (RL 5.3)	Fiction
Yep, Lawrence	<i>Dragonwings</i> (RL 5.3)	Historical Fiction
Yoo, Paula	<i>Good Enough</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i> (RL 5.1)	Historical Fiction

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Nonfiction Topics You will Study in 7th Grade:

Declaration of Independence	Constitution	Democracy	Bill of Rights	Citizenship
Voting	Electoral College	Checks and Balances	Public Policy	Branches of Government
Economics	Cell Structure	Cellular Organization	Organism Classification	Photosynthesis
Ecosystem	Genetics	Habitats	Climate	

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Essex Intermediate School

Rising Eighth Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

This list includes a wide variety of books to appeal to the interests and reading levels of many students. You may also choose to read books that are not on this list, but the books should be appropriate for the grade level and reading level. Parents are encouraged to review book selections with students in order to help them make suitable choices.

Author	Title	Genre
Abbott, Tony	<i>Firegirl</i> (RL 4.1)	Realistic Fiction
Abdel-Fattah, Randa	<i>Does My Head Look Big in this?</i> (RL 4.9)	Fiction
Abrahams, Peter	<i>Down the Rabbit Hole</i> (RL 4.3)	Fiction
Adams, Richard	<i>Watership Down</i> (RL 6.2)	Fiction
Alcott, Louisa	<i>Little Women</i> (RL 4.7)	Classic
Alexander, Lloyd	<i>The Book of Three</i> series (RL 5.3)	Science Fiction/Fantasy
Armstrong, Jennifer	<i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</i> (RL 7.3)	Nonfiction
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> (RL 4.8)	Classic
Bartoletti, Susan	<i>Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow</i> (RL 7.8)	Nonfiction
Baskin, Nora	<i>Anything but Typical</i> (RL 4.1)	Fiction
Bauer, Joan	<i>Hope was Here</i> (RL 5.1)	Realistic Fiction
Baum, L. Frank	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> (RL 7.0)	Classic/Fantasy
Bell, Cathleen	<i>Little Blog on the Prairie</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction
Bloor, Edward	<i>Tangerine</i> (RL 4.3)	Fiction
Bodeen, Stephanie	<i>The Compound</i> (RL 4.1)	Fiction
Booraem, Ellen	<i>Small Persons With Wings</i> (RL 4.2)	Fiction
Bowen, Fred	<i>Quarterback Season</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i> (RL 7.9)	Classic
Broskol, Vera	<i>Anya's Ghost</i> (RL 2.3)	Fantasy
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War II</i> (RL 6.4)	Historical Fiction
Bunting, Eve	<i>Pirate Captain's Daughter</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Burns, Loree	<i>Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion</i> (RL 8.5)	Nonfiction
Choat, Beth	<i>Soccerland</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Choldenko, Jennifer	<i>No Passengers Beyond this Point</i> (RL 3.9)	Fiction
Clements, Andrew	<i>Things Not Seen</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Hunger Games</i> trilogy (RL 5.3)	Science Fiction
Condie, Ally	<i>Matched</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Connor, Leslie	<i>Waiting for Normal</i> (RL 3.7)	Fiction
Cooney, Caroline	<i>Code Orange</i> (RL 6.2)	Science Fiction
Crew, Linda	<i>Children of the River</i> (RL 4.3)	Contemporary Fiction
Cummings, Priscilla	<i>Red Kayak</i> (RL 4.9)	Fiction
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Bucking the Sarge</i> (RL 5.8)	Fiction
Deem, James	<i>Bodies for the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Recovery of the Past</i> (RL 8.3)	Nonfiction
Dessen, Sarah	<i>Along for the Ride</i> (RL 4.7)	Contemporary Fiction
Detorie, Rick	<i>Accidental Genius of Weasel High</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction

Deuker, Carl	<i>Payback Time</i> (RL 5)	Fiction
Dionne, Erin	<i>The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet</i> (RL 5)	Fiction
Dowd, Siobhan	<i>The London Eye Mystery</i> (RL 4.1)	Mystery
Draper, Sharon	<i>Tears of a Tiger</i> (RL 4.3)	Realistic Fiction
Elliott, Laura	<i>Under a War-Torn Sky</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Ellis, Deborah	<i>The Breadwinner</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Engle, Margarita	<i>The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom</i> (RL 6.4)	Poetry
Erdich, Louise	<i>The Birchbark House</i> (RL 6.1)	Historical Fiction
Erskine, Kathryn	<i>Mockingbird</i> (RL 3)	Contemporary Fiction
Farmer, Nancy	<i>House of the Scorpion</i> (RL 5.1)	Science Fiction
Feinstein, John	<i>Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery</i> (RL 5.1)	Sports Mystery
Ferguson, Alane	<i>The Christopher Killer: A Forensic Mystery</i> (RL 5.1)	Mystery
Flake, Sharon	<i>The Skin I'm In</i> (RL 4.1)	Fiction
Fleischman, John	<i>Phineas Gage</i> (RL 7.4)	Nonfiction
Fleming, Candace	<i>The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Studependous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum</i> (RL 7)	Nonfiction
Frost, Helen	<i>Hidden</i> (RL 3.9)	Mystery
Gaiman, Neil	<i>The Graveyard Book</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction
Gantos, Jack	<i>Dead End in Norvelt</i> (RL 5.7)	Fiction
Gordon, Sheila	<i>Waiting for the Rain</i> (RL 5.8)	Realistic Fiction
Greenwald, Tom	<i>Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading</i> (RL 5.4)	Fiction
Griffin, Adele	<i>My Almost Epic Summer</i> (RL 5.1)	Contemporary Fiction
Hale, Shannon	<i>Rapunzel's Revenge</i> (RL 3.7)	Fiction
Han, Jenny	<i>The Summer I Turned Pretty</i> (RL 4.1)	Fiction
Hartman, Rachel	<i>Seraphina</i> (RL 6)	Fantasy
Henry, April	<i>Girl, Stolen</i> (RL 4.7)	Contemporary Fiction
Hinton, S. E.	<i>The Outsiders</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Hobbs, Will	<i>Downriver</i> (RL 4.9)	Adventure Fiction
Holm, Jennifer	<i>Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf: A Year Told Through Stuff</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Raven's Gate</i> (RL 4.4)	Fantasy
Johnson, Angela	<i>BIRD</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Kadonaga, Cynthia	<i>Kira-Kira</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Kirkpatrick, Katherine	<i>Mysterious Bones: The Story of Kennewick Man</i> (RL 8.7)	Nonfiction
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place</i> (RL 5.5)	Fiction
Knowles, Johanna	<i>See You at Harry's</i> (RL 3.6)	Fiction
Korman, Gordon	<i>Ungifted</i> (RL 5.2)	Fiction
Lai, Thanhla	<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Larson, Hope	<i>Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel</i> (RL 2.7)	Graphic Novel
Lester, Julius	<i>Day of Tears</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Liparulo, Robert	<i>House of Dark Shadows</i> (RL 4.2)	Mystery
Lowry, Lois	<i>The Giver</i> (RL 5.7)	Fiction

Lupica, Mike	<i>Million-Dollar Throw</i> (RL 5.4)	Sports Fiction
Mayberry, Jonathan	<i>Rot and Ruin</i> (RL 5)	Science Fiction
MacLeod, Elizabeth	<i>Royal Murder: The Deadly Intrigue of Ten Sovereigns</i> (RL 7.7)	Nonfiction
Magoon, Kekla	<i>The Rock and the River</i> (RL 3.9)	Historical Fiction
Mah, Adeline Yen	<i>Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter</i> (RL 6.8)	Nonfiction
Martin, Russell	<i>The Mysteries of Beethoven's Hair</i> (RL 8.7)	Nonfiction
Mikaelson, Ben	<i>Sparrow Hawk Red</i> (RL 4.2)	Adventure Fiction
Mulligan, Andy	<i>Trash</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>KICK</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Nelson, Kadir	<i>Heart and Soul: The Story of Americans and African Americans</i> (RL 6.6)	Nonfiction
Nielsen, Jennifer	<i>The False Prince</i> (RL 5.1)	Fiction
Nix, Garth	<i>Keys to the Kingdom</i> series (RL 6)	Fantasy
Nye, Naomi	<i>Is This forever, or What?</i> (RL 6.2)	Poetry
Oliver, Lauren	<i>Liesl and Po</i> (RL 5.7)	Fantasy
Palacio, R.J.	<i>Wonder</i> (RL 4.8)	Fiction
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon</i> series (RL 5.6)	Fantasy
Patterson, James	<i>The Angel Experiment</i> (RL 4.6)	Science Fiction
Park, Linda Sue	<i>A Long Walk to Water</i> (RL 5)	Fiction
Pearson, Mary	<i>The Adoration of Jenna Fox</i> (RL 3.8)	Science Fiction
Peters, Julie	<i>Define Normal</i> (RL 3.6)	Fiction
Pfeffer, Susan	<i>Life As We Knew It</i> (RL 4.7)	Fiction
Reedy, Trent	<i>Words in the Dust</i> (RL 4.6)	Fiction
Reinhardt, Dana	<i>The Summer I Learned to Fly</i> (RL 4.7)	Fantasy
Riggs, Ransom	<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i> (RL 5.7)	Mystery
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>The Dreamer</i> (RL 4.6)	Fiction
Sandler, Martin	<i>Secret Subway: The Fascinating Tale of an Amazing Feat of Engineering</i> (RL 9)	Nonfiction
Say, Allen	<i>Drawing from Memory</i> (RL 4.1)	Nonfiction
Schmidt, Gary	<i>Okay for Now</i> (RL 4.9)	Fiction
Schrefer, Eliot	<i>Endangered</i> (RL 6.2)	Fiction
Scott, Michael	<i>The Alchemyst</i> (RL 6.4)	Fiction
Selznick, Brian	<i>Wonderstruck</i> (RL 5.4)	Fiction
Shusterman, Neil	<i>Unwind</i> (RL 5)	Science Fiction
Smith, Roland	<i>Storm Runners</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction/Adventure
Sonnenblick, Jordan	<i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i> (RL 6.2)	Contemporary Fiction
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Milkweed</i> (RL 3.6)	Historical Fiction
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>Treasure Island</i> (RL 5.6)	Classic
Stiefvator, Maggie	<i>Scorpio Races</i> (RL 5.5)	Fiction
Strasser, Todd	<i>Wish You Were Dead</i> (RL 4.4)	Mystery
Tunnell, Michael	<i>Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"</i> (RL 7.2)	Nonfiction
White, Andrea	<i>Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083</i> (RL 4.9)	Fiction

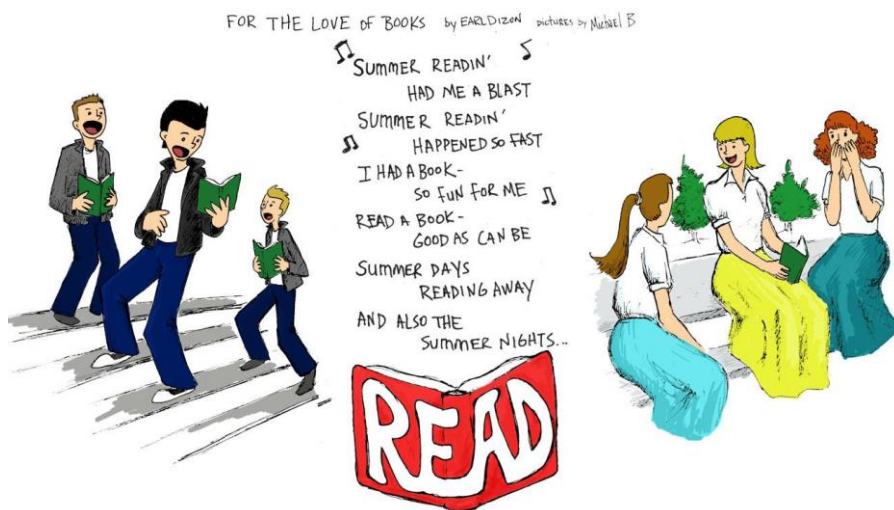
White, Ruth	<i>You'll Like it Here (Everybody Does)</i> (RL 4.5)	Fiction
Williams-Garcia, Rita	<i>One Crazy Summer</i> (RL 4.6)	Fiction
Zindel, Paul	<i>The Pigman and Me</i> (RL 6.1)	Biography
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i> (RL 5.1)	Historical Fiction

**Magazines are great reading material between books. Try these titles: *American Cheerleader*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Dig*, *New Moon Girls*, *American Girl*, *Discovery Girl*, *Boys' Life*, and *National Geographic Kids*.

Nonfiction Topics You will Study in 8th Grade:

World Geography	Paleolithic Era	Mesopotamia	Egypt	Indus River Valley	China
Persia	World Religions	Greece	Peloponnesian War	Socrates	Plato
Alexander the Great	Rome	Julius Caesar	Augustus Caesar	Byzantine Empire	Russia
Islamic Civilization	Mayans	Aztecs	Incans	Medieval Period	Italian Renaissance
Particle Theory	Atomic Structure	Periodic Table	Law of Conservation of Matter and Energy		
Energy	Thermal Energy	Sound Waves	Transverse Waves	Newton's Laws of Motion	
Electricity	Magnetism				

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Virginia Readers' Choice 2014-2015 Elementary and Middle Level Titles

The purpose of VRC is to encourage young readers to become better acquainted with contemporary books with outstanding literary appeal, to broaden students' awareness of literature as a life-long pleasure, to encourage reading aloud in classrooms as a means of introducing reading for pleasure, and to honor favorite books and their authors.

Books are selected based on literary merit. Since censorship is not part of the VRC committee's function, there may be isolated words in some books that may be found objectionable to certain members of the community. These people should select alternate books on the list.

The VRC voting procedures require a participant to be exposed to at least four of the nominated books at each level in their entirety by reading them himself/herself, having them read aloud to him/her, or a combination of the two. Each qualified voter has one vote for his/her favorite book at each level. A participant may vote at more than one level - for instance a middle school student may choose to vote for an elementary title and a middle level title. Students will have from now until the end of March to read one of these books should he or she want to participate. After a student has read a book, he or she needs to take and pass an Accelerated Reader Quiz on the book. At the end of March or beginning of April, students will be invited to a "Pizza Voting Party" provided the student has met the requirements.

ELEMENTARY TITLES	MIDDLE LEVEL TITLES
<i>Balloons Over Broadway</i> by Melissa Sweet	<i>Endangered</i> by Eliot Schrefer
<i>Capture the Flag</i> by Kate Messner	<i>One for the Murphys</i> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
<i>Exclamation Mark</i> by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tim Litchenheld	<i>Bomb - The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i> by Steve Sheinkin
<i>My Life as a Book</i> by Janet Tashjian	<i>Cinder</i> by Marissa Mayer
<i>The Sasquatch Escape</i> by Suzanne Selfours	<i>How They Croaked</i> by Georgia Bragg
<i>Secret Chicken Society</i> by Judy Cox	<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lia
<i>The Templeton Twins Have an Idea</i> by Ellis Weiner	<i>Spy School</i> by Stuart Gibbs
<i>Tuesdays at the Castle</i> by Jessica Day George	<i>Ungifted</i> by Gordon Korman
<i>When Life Gives You OJ</i> by Erica Perl	<i>On the Day I Died</i> by Candace Fleming
<i>Whatever After: Fairest of All</i> by Sarah Mlynowski	<i>Drama</i> by Raina Telgemeier

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