

RESEARCH SAYS...

According to recent studies, students cannot become deep readers and writers without a genuine engagement with texts. Research indicates that exposure to various texts can build literacy skills while simultaneously building bridges to the content areas.

While these titles are recommended, students may choose other appropriate fiction or non-fiction titles based on their interest and reading level. We encourage parents to review the texts and discuss them with their children. Some titles and authors may deal with mature themes. You can find reviews of books on amazon.com in order to determine a book that might be the right fit. Another helpful review site is:

<http://www.commonensemedia.org/new/books>

1) Kids who don't read during summer vacation lose two to three months of reading achievement. ("The Effects of Summer Vacation on Achievement Test Scores")

2) Elementary students who read 10-15 books at home over the summer gain as much in reading achievement as students who attend summer school. ("Addressing Summer Reading Setback Among Economically Disadvantaged Elementary Students")

3) Middle school students who read only five to six books over the summer don't suffer from that summer reading loss.

<http://kylenebeers.com/blog/2014/05/04/guidelines-for-summer-reading/>

SUMMER 2017

SIMMONS READS

Simmons students and teachers make reading a priority. This reading list is offered as a guide to students in their quest for new knowledge, adventure, and enjoyment. Our suggestion is for each student to read at least four books over the summer. When you return to Simmons after the summer break, you will have opportunities to share your book finds with other students and with your new teachers.

New this year: Students will earn incentives or Learning Earnings for each book they read over the summer.



HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 10:00am

Kickoff at 10 A.M. Get a head start on Summer Reading with games, snacks, inflatables, crafts, airbrush tattoos, petting zoo and much more! FREE event.

Sign up Monday, May 23 at the library or online

hooverlibrary.beanstack.org

Record titles of books and number of pages in your reading log.

Get a ticket for every 100 pages.

Spend tickets on cool prizes.

We compete with Berry and Bumpus to see which school has the most people sign up and read. Don't let the other schools win.

Katherine Applegate
 Joan Bauer
 Frank L. Baum
 Christina Benjamin
 Jim Benton
 Liz Braswell
 Michael Buckley
 Sheila Burnford
 Beverly Cleary
 Suzanne Collins
 Sharon Creech
 Kate Di Camillo
 Matt Christopher
 Christopher Paul Curtis
 James Dashner
 Ann Downer
 Sharon M. Draper
 John Feinstein
 Tim Green
 Margaret Peterson Haddix
 Lisi Harrison
 Will Hobbs
 Anthony Horowitz
 Erin Hunter
 Brian Jacques
 *Gordon Korman
 Jeff Kinney
 C.S. Lewis
 Mike Lupica
 B.E. Maxwell
 Lurlene McDaniell
 R.J. Palacio
 Christopher Paolini
 Gary Paulsen
 Ridley Pearson
 Tamera Pierce
 Rick Riordan
 J.K. Rowling
 Pam Munoz Ryan
 Louis Sachar
 Roland Smith
 Lemony Snicket
 Jerry Spinelli
 Robert Louis Stevenson
 *Mildred D. Taylor
 J.R.R. Tolkien
 Sarah Weeks
 Scott Westerfield
 Laura Ingalls Wilder

***Please do not read the following during the summer as we will be doing class studies of these novels:**

Schooled or No More Dead Dogs (Gordon Korman)

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Mildred D. Taylor) *Out of the Dust* (Karen Hesse)

Use this link to view incentives for 7th grade reading

<http://bit.ly/sms7summer>

A Wicked Thing by Rhiannon Thomas

Shadow Children series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Beneath by Roland Smith

Birmingham Sunday by Larry Brimner

Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson *Cinder* series by Marissa Meyer

Conspiracy 365: January and other books in the series by Gabriëlle Lord

Deadly by Julie Chibbaro

Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy by Albert Marrin

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Gregor the Overlander series by Suzanne Collins

Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer

Maze Runner series by James Dashner

Messenger by Lois Lowery

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Passenger by Alexandra Bracken

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Son by Lois Lowry

Soundless by Richelle Mead

Summerlost by Ally Condie

The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

The Giver by Lois Lowery

The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Unbroken (young adult) by L. Hillenbrand

Theodore Boone: The Activist by John Grisham

The Bully and other Bluford High series

Thunderous Whisper by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

***You will earn 500 Learning Earnings for the required book and one optional book.**

8th Grade REQUIRED Reading:

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (this will be paired with our first novel of the year)

<http://www.authorama.com/alice-in-wonderland-1.html>

Free on public domain

8th Grade Optional Reading List

The following authors offer multiple books that would be of interest to 8th grade readers:

Suzanne Collins

Sarah Dessen

Sharon Draper

Jennifer Echols

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Jenny Han

Anthony Horowitz

Brian Jacques

Catherine Jinks

Mike Lupica

Walter Dean Myers

Jason Reynolds

Neil Shusterman

Scott Westerfeld

The following books have been popular selections for the 8th grade students this year:

Beautiful Creatures by Kami Garcia

Beastly by Alex Flinn

Choosing Courage: True Stories of Heroism from Soldiers and Civilians by Peter Collier

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Girl, Stolen by April Henry

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Jefferson's Sons by Kimberly B. Bradley

Live Original by Sadie Robertson

Lockdown by Alexander Gordon Smith

North of Beautiful by Justina Chen

On the Fence by Kasie West

Outcasts United: the Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town by Warren St. John

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

Rot and Ruin by Jonathan Maberry

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton

The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

The Book Thief by Mark Zusak

The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod by Heather Brewer

The Hunt by Andrew Fukuda

The Leveller by Julia Durango

The Recruit by Robert Muchamore

The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han

Walk on Earth a Stranger by Rae Carson

Who Am I Without Him? by Sharon Flake

This Is Our Story by Ashley Elston

The Naturals by Jennifer Barnes

Nemesis by Brendan Reichs

Diabolic by S. J. Kincaid

