

## The Columbus Academy Middle School Summer Reading 2011

### **Entering Grades 5 and 6:**

Students entering grade 5 and grade 6 are to choose **three** books from the appropriate grade list attached. Each book should be from a different genre. For each book you read, complete the activity listed on the grade level sheet attached.

### **Entering Grades 7 and 8:**

1. Required reading for all students entering grade 7: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor.

Required reading for all students entering grade 8: *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes.

2. Choose at least **two** other books from the appropriate grade list attached.

### **New this year: Ebooks!**

Any summer reading book that has an asterisk (\*) next to its title is available to you on your computer as an ebook. You can access our ebook collection at any time from any computer with an internet connection. Here's how it works:

1. Open any internet browser (Safari, Firefox, Chrome, etc.). Turn off the pop-up blocker. This is very important because you will not be able to read an ebook if the pop-up blocker is on. (In Safari, go to Safari→Block Pop-Up Windows, and make sure that this is NOT checked. In Firefox, go to Firefox→Preferences→Content. There you can either disable the pop-up blocker or put in the FollettShelf URL below as an exception.)

2. Go to the following URL: <http://wbb03401.follettshelf.com>

3. You will see the log in screen. Log in using the following:

**Username: columbusac**

**Password: vikes**

4. You will now be directed to the CA MS Library Ebook homepage where you can browse the available titles. When you find a book you want to read, check to see if it is "IN" or "OUT". You can only read books that are available on the ebookshelf at the time you log in, just like you can only check out a book that is available on the actual library shelf.

5. Read your ebook! The ebook will go back on the bookshelf if you log off of your computer or if 15 minutes of inactivity pass. In either case, you will have to follow steps 1-4 again.

Ebooks do not circulate. That means that you can't "check out" an ebook; you can only read it online for the time that you are online. Reading the ebook is not a substitute for obtaining a copy of the book. The purpose of our ebooks this summer will be for those times when you do not have your copy handy or if you'd like to read a few pages of several books before deciding which one you want to read in full.

*Happy Summer Reading  
from the Middle School Language Arts Department!*

## SUMMER READING 2011 – Entering Grade 5

Read three books of your choice from the list below. Each book should be from a different genre (category). Choose books you have not already read. For each of the three books, make a note card to help you remember the book. On each note card, list the following:

- **your name**
- **the title of the book and the author's name,**
- **the names of the main characters** (3 or 4 main characters) and a **brief explanation** of who the character is,
- **a brief plot summary** (no more than 3-5 sentences), including a **description of the main** problem the character faces, and
- **a brief review** (2 or 3 sentences stating what you thought of the book and explaining why).

Save the note cards to bring to school in August.

### Adventure

*NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society* or sequel by Michael Buckley

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* or sequels by Trenton Lee Stewart

\**On the Blue Comet* by Rosemary Wells

*Swindle, Framed, or Zoobreak* by Gordan Korman

*Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce

*Zorgamazoo* by Robert Paul Weston

\**Flight of the Phoenix* by R.L. La Fevers

*The Kite Rider* by Geraldine McCaughrean

### Fantasy

*The Divide* or sequels by Elizabeth Kay

\**Savvy* or *Scumble* by Ingrid law

\**The Red Pyramid* or *Throne of Fire* by Rick Riordan

*Eleven Birthdays* by Wendy Mass

*The Secret of Platform Thirteen, Which Witch?, or Island of the Aunts* by Eva Ibbotson

*Peter and the Starcatchers* or sequels by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

### Historical Fiction

*Bud, not Buddy* or *The Watsons go to Birmingham 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer L. Holm

*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly

*A Long Way from Chicago*, \**A Year Down Yonder*, or *A Season of Gifts* by Richard Peck

*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Hard Gold* by Avi

### Mystery

*The Ghost of Fossil Glen* or *The Case of the Missing Manatee* by Cynthia DeFelice

*Dying to Meet You* or others in *43 Cemetery Road* series by Kate Klise

*Found, Sent, Sabotaged, or Torn* (*The Missing* series) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Masterpiece* by Elise Broach

*Powerless* by Matthew Cody

*The Postcard* by Tony Abbott

*Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery, Cover Up, Vanishing Act, or The Rivalry* by John Feinstein

### **Nonfiction**

*Mission Control, This is Apollo* by Andrew Chaikin and Allan Bean  
*Everybody's Revolution* by Thomas Fleming  
*The Daring Book for Girls* by Andrea J. Buchanan and Miriam Peskowitz  
*The Dangerous Book for Boys* by Conn Iggulden and Hal Iggulden  
*Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam* by Cynthia Cadohata  
*My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen

### **Realistic Fiction**

*Becoming Naomi Leon* or *Paint the Wind* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Eleven* by Patricia Reilly Giff  
*Ida B* by Katherine Hannigan  
*Double Dutch* by Sharon Draper  
*Flush* or *Scat* by Carl Hiassen  
*The Penderwicks* or *The Penderwicks on Gardem Street* by Jeanne Birdsall  
*Science Fair* by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson  
*Crash* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Extra Credit* by Andrew Clements

### **Sports**

*The Prince of Fenway Park* by Julianna Baggott  
*The Toilet Paper Tigers* by Gordan Korman  
*\*The Batboy, \*Travel Team, \*The Big Field, \*Summer Ball, \*Hot Hand, or \*Long Shot* by Mike Lupica  
*Jackie and Me* or other *Baseball Card Adventures* by Dan Gutman  
*No Cream Puffs* by Karen Day  
*Football Genius* series or *Baseball Great* series by Tim Green

## SUMMER READING 2011 – Entering Grade 6

For your summer reading, you will read **three** books, each from different genre.

Each book should be one that you have not read previously.

After you have read each book, make one note card with the following information:

At the top of the note card, write the **title of the book with the author's name**.

**Main characters:** List three to four main characters and their roles in the book.

**Themes:** List themes under which the book might be filed in the library or on a web site.

**Plot:** In three to five sentences, write a summary of the story, including the problem and how the problem is resolved.

On the back, **write a review:** What did you think of this book and why?

**Your name:** Write your name on the card.

Keep your work to one note card, and save each card for August. You will bring these to school to remind you of the books that you read.

### Adventure/Mystery

*\*All the Lovely Bad Ones* by Mary Downing Hahn

*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Bailliet

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*The Maze* by Will Hobbs

*\*Heat, \*Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street, or \*Million Dollar Throw* by Mike Lupica

*The Name of this Book is Secret* or the *Secret* series by Pseudonymous Bosch

*The Ranger's Apprentice* series by John Flanagan (\*The following titles in this series are available as ebooks: *The Ruins of Gorlan, The Battle for Skandia, The Icebound Land, The Sorcerer of the North, Erak's Ransom, The Siege of Mackindaw*)

*Silverfin (A James Bond Adventure)* by Charlie Higson

*\*Stormbreaker* and sequels by Anthony Horowitz (The following titles in this series are available as ebooks: *Stormbreaker, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Point Blank, Snakehead, Crocodile Tears, Ark Angel, Scorpia*)

### Classics

*The Dark is Rising* sequence by Susan Cooper

*The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford

*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes

*King of the Wind* by Marguerite Henry

*The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery (Katherine Woods translation)

*\*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*\*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

*Rascal* by Sterling North

*The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle

## **Fantasy/Science Fiction**

*A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray* by Ann Martin

*City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

*Ella Enchanted* or *Fairest* by Gail Carson Levine

*Eragon* or sequels by Christopher Paolini

*Inkheart* or any in series by Cornelia Funke

\**The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan

*Magyk* and series by Angie Sage

*Percy Jackson and the Olympians* – any book in the series by Rick Riordan (\*The following books in this series are available as ebooks: *The Last Olympian*, *Sea of Monsters*, *The Titan's Curse*)

## **Historical Fiction**

\**Al Capone Does My Shirts* or \**Al Capone Shines My Shoes* by Gennifer Choldenko

\**The Brooklyn Nine* by Alan Gratz

*Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins* by Walter Dean Myers

\**A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

*Ninth Ward* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

*One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

*Return to Sender* by Julia Alvarez

*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi

*Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm

*Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor

\**Yellow Star* by Jennifer Rozines Roy

## **Nonfiction**

*What the World Eats* by Peter Menzel

*Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan became an American Boy* by Andrea Warren

*Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* by Jennifer Armstrong

## **Realistic Fiction**

*Chasing Orion* by Kathryn Lasky

*Colibri* by Ann Cameron

*Every Soul a Star* by Wendy Mass

*Rules* by Cynthia Lord

\**Things Not Seen* or \**Things Hoped For* by Andrew Clements

*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

*Note: Descriptions and reviews of summer reading book choices can be found at Amazon.com.*

## SUMMER READING 2011 - Entering Grade 7

**Required Reading. All students entering grade 7 MUST read:**

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

**AND, choose two of the following:**

*Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez

*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer

*China's Son: Growing Up in the Cultural Revolution* by Da Chen

*The Wreckers* by Iain Lawrence

*A Swiftly Tilting Planet* by Madeleine L'Engle

*Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier

\**Sunrise Over Fullejah* by Walter Dean Myers

\**When My Name was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park

*The Not-So-Star-Spangled Life of Sunita Sen* by Mitali Perkins

*Habibi* by Naomi Shihab

*Everlost* by Neil Shusterman

*Under the Persimmon Tree* by Suzanne Fisher Staples

\**Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld

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## SUMMER READING 2011 - Entering Grade 8

1. Required for all students: *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes

2. Choose at least TWO books from the following list:

*Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons

*The Tequila Worm* by Viola Canales

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

*Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers

*The Last Silk Dress* by Anne Rinaldi

*The New Boy* by Julian Houston

*Homeless Bird* by Gloria Whelan

*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood* by Ibtisam Barakat

*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* by Chris Crutcher

*Code Talkers: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII* by Joseph Bruchac

*Godless* by Pete Hautman

*Watership Down* by Richard Adams

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