

The Columbus Academy Middle School Summer Reading List 2010



Our Middle School Visiting Author this year is Ben Mikaelson. The bear will stay home.

Entering Grades 5 and 6:

1. Small group books as assigned (new students, please choose one from the “Rising 5th and 6th Grade Summer Book Group Selections” list). Assignments related to the books will be given by the teachers leading the groups at the start of the school year.
2. Students entering grade 5 are to choose **two** books from the appropriate grade list attached. Each book should be from a different genre. Be prepared to discuss the books with small groups of students who have read them also or to participate in other book-related activities.

Students entering grade 6 should choose one of the Ben Mikaelson titles listed. The third book for incoming 6th graders should be chosen from the grade list attached.

Entering Grades 7 and 8:

1. *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson is required reading for all students entering grade 7. *Ghost of Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson is required reading for all students entering grade 8.
2. Small group books as assigned (new students, please choose one from the “Rising Seventh and Eighth Grade Summer Book Group Selections” list. Assignments related to the books will be given by the teachers leading the groups at the start of the school year.
3. Choose at least one book from the appropriate grade list attached.

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

SUMMER READING – Entering Grade 5 2010

Student's Name _____

The summer reading requirement includes:

1. Your book group selection: Title _____ Author _____
2. **Two books of your choice from the list below. Each book should be from a different category.**
Choose books you have not already read. You should be familiar enough with the books to be able to give a short book talk and to discuss the books with your classmates.

Adventure

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Ghost Canoe by Will Hobbs

Running Out of Time or *Among the Hidden* Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Fantasy

The Divide or *Beyond the Divide* by Elizabeth Kay

Dealing with Dragons or other books in *The Enchanted Forest Chronicles* by Patricia Wrede

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

The Anybodies, The Nobodies, or The Somebodies by N.E. Bode

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

Historical Fiction

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

Crispin, the Cross of Lead by Avi

Our Only May Amelia by Jennifer L. Holm

Mystery

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

Falcon's Malteser (or other *Diamond Brothers' Mysteries*) by Anthony Horowitz

The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn (The Samurai Mysteries) by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Nonfiction

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World by Jennifer Armstrong

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

Realistic Fiction

Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Munoz Ryan

Ida B by Katherine Hannigan

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Flush or *Hoot* by Carl Hiassen

The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall

Science Fair by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

Sports

Travel Team, The Big Field, or Summer Ball by Mike Lupica

Jackie and Me or other *Baseball Card Adventures* by Dan Gutman

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

No Cream Puffs by Karen Day

SUMMER READING 2010 – Entering Grade 6

You will read **three** books for summer reading:

1. Reading group book: Title _____ Author _____

2. Please choose one of the following books by our visiting author, Ben Mikaelson:

Stranded or *Countdown* or *Red Midnight*

3. Please select one book from the list below. It should be one that you have not read before.

Adventure/Mystery

Half Moon Investigations by Eoin Colfer

Silverfin (A James Bond Adventure) by Charlie Higson

Stormbreaker and sequels by Anthony Horowitz

Classics

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Dark is Rising sequence by Susan Cooper

King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Summerland by Michael Chabon

The Shadow Thieves by Anne Ursu

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Historical Fiction

Water Street by Patricia Reilly Giff

Montmorency by Eleanor Updale

Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman

Percy Jackson and the Olympians – any book in the series by Rick Riordan

Nonfiction

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science by John Fleischman

Journey to the Bottomless Pit: The Story of Stephen Bishop and Mammoth Cave by E. Mitchell

The Boys' War by Jim Murphy

On the Field with Mia Hamm by Matt Christopher

Realistic Fiction

The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E.L. Konigsburg

A Corner of the Universe by Ann Martin

Small Steps by Louis Sachar

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Sports Fiction

Heat or Miracle on 49th Street by Mike Lupica

The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter

Millicent Min, Girl Genius or *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-time* by Lisa Yee

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

SUMMER READING 2010 - Entering Grade 7

1. Required for all students: *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson
2. Required reading group book, as assigned
3. Choose at least one book from the list below:

Adventure Fiction

The Call of the Wild by Jack London
White Fang by Jack London
The Wreckers by Iain Lawrence
Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

Biography/Memoir

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji-Li Jang
Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers

General Fiction

Lock and Key by Sarah Dessen
Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier
Gifted by Beth Evangelista
Freak, the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

Historical Fiction

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper
Mary. Bloody Mary by Carolyn Meyer

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Everlost by Neil Shusterman
Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld
A Conspiracy of Kings by Megan Whalen Turner

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

SUMMER READING 2010 - Entering Grade 8

1. Required for all students: *Ghost of Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson
2. Required reading small group book, as assigned
3. Choose at least ONE book from the following list:

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Watership Down by Richard Adams
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
Z for Zachariah by Robert O'Brien

Historical Fiction

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers
The Last Silk Dress by Anne Rinaldi

Non-fiction

Hole in My Life by Jack Gantos
The Life and Death of Adolph Hitler by James Cross Giblin
Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood by Ibtisam Barakat

Poetry

Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States by Lori Carlson, ed.

Realistic Fiction

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
Code Talkers: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII by Joseph Bruchac
Godless by Pete Hautman
Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman

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Rising 7th and 8th Grade Summer Reading Groups 2010

Congo:

Blair Eagleson
Lauren Martin
Tim Leathery
Mitchell York
Brianna Abell
Grace Geiger
Evan Paglieri
Robbie Foley

A Single Shard:

Claire Glass
Sam Carlin
Annie Dunlap
Shrikar Kundur
Mitchell Lange
Madeline Walter
Otis Klingbeil
Mary Kate Kelley

Tangerine:

Allison Wallace
Kristen Overly
Reed Clark
Marcel Knopp
Hirsh Hede
Cobi Warstler
Amelia Compton
Will King
Conner Poulin

The Maze Runner:

Kendall Silwonuk
Andrea Ballinger
Sam Whittmann
Blake Martin
Aaron Brown
Andrew Zhang
Peter Bartlome
Sean Reagan
Anthony Fenzl
Sooji Kang
Caroline Aronowitz

Life As We Knew It:

Ashley Rothstein
David Brown
Sydnie Boykins
Drake Williams
Emily Chen
Samantha Hunker
Jacob Jeffers
Logan Baker

*Outcasts of 19 Schuyler
Place:*

Jack Chatas
Mario Bosca
Alivia Brown
Mackenzie Miller
Jamie Barren
Andrew Bowman
Hana Sinno
Alyssa Edwards

Stuck in Neutral:

James Danison
Cameron Taylor
Jakob Pehl
Jenna Berlet
Margaret Kaye
Caroline Silwonuk
Katie Boeckman
Jack Mills
Varun Vallabhaneni

Nothing But The Truth:

Sydney Lawrence
Taylor Smallridge
Brian Burke
Alex Keith
Nicole Brigstock
Makela Hughes
Paulina Martz
Matthew Watters
Alex Kenworthy
Julia Chester

*A Tree Grows in
Brooklyn:*

Max Smith
Ethan Zoog
Annie Meacham
Tarushi Gupta
Julia Rizk
Nichola Lampe
Grant Glimcher
Matthew Schmidt
Kara Schultz
Amanda Dang

Into Thin Air:

Josh Levy
Peter Tian
Josh Avon
Lexie Sirak
Riley Ransom
Will Morris
Calvin Wuorinen
Jonah Schottenstein

Falling Leaves:

Sarah Fornshell
Vijeth Kaza
Emma Farrenkopf
Scott Mackenzie
Katie Loveday
Shreya Koushik
Lottie Smith
Metty Schroeder
Maddie Vaziri

Ask Me No Questions:

Ella Ransom
Joey Moler
J.P. Perrini
Chloe Bradburn
Sarah Campbell
Connor McAfee
Nida Pervez
Logan Zeigler

Tree Girl:

Juan Crestanello
Henry Bacha
Jasmine Kharazi
Luke Albers
Emily Cipriani
Lily Rizk
Jenna Kent
Ryan Cullen
Andrew Kennedy

Ophelia:

Maddie Edwards
Ben Dahl
Carter Kistler
Leya Mohsin
Meghana Jackson
Atticus Lee
Dominique (Ally)
Graham-Torrez
Christina Lee
Alex LiChen

The Devil's Arithmetic:

Anna Robinson
Mara Dan-Weber
Ryan Cologgi
David Wexner
David Van Huffel
Emre Kahraman
Sydney Brault
Sabrina Sawan
Eleanor Rackoff
Paige Farlin

Surviving Antarctica:

Reality TV 2083:
Avanti Patel
Abby Wilson
Sam Kohr
Wes Terveer
Sam Tuckerman
Neve Adler
Jake Mitchell
Oliver Kornberg
Lexi Whiteman
Miriam Knopp

Peeled:

Jamie Linkhorn
Libby Sirak
DyLan Pham
Ricardo deAguiar
Ted Loper
Brandon Schmidt
Jessica Hile
Emad Pervez
Nathan Salon
Caroline Prokos

Summer Book Groups
Rising 5th and 6th Grade Students
August 2010

The View from Saturday by E.L. Koenigsburg

Maddie DeAscentis
Carly Shocket
Serra LaPerna
Olivia Ryan
Cassie Davis
Emery Hansell
Emma Cordray

Football Genius by Tim Green

Brendan Cohen
Cameron Kharazi
David Friedman
Luke Tiberi
Ryan Mitchell
Max Driesbach
Anthony Thomassey
Nick Stringer
Grant Berliner
Roman Bellisari
Andrew Meyers

Paint the Wind by Pam Munoz Ryan

Alyssa Kim
Tessa Lopresti
Neena Baliga
Sarah Belford
Genevieve Harding
Sophie Carlin
Karina Walter
Temi Obikunle
Madison Smith

A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck

T.J. Whitman
Shenique Penney
Addis Boyd
David Qu
Tori Abell
Khloe Dubenion
Austin Lawrence
McKenzie Duncan
Sam Browning
Anna Derrow
Anthony Sugar
Alaina Gwin

Miracle on 49th Street by Mike Lupica

Cole Walter
Sophia Anasis
Michalea Lai
Alex Chiocca
Chase Kallmerton
Lou Burns
Arianna Harris
Natalie L'Hommedieu
Luke McIntire
Andrew Leader
Tristan Rhee
Nick Kenworthy

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Shreyah Mohonselvan
Sebastian Bergman
Esther Lawrence
Abby Jeffers
Georgia Tuckerman
Kami Tibbles
Ketan Agrawal
Tommy Mampieri
Rhea Rao
Allison Dickes
Will Belford

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Emily Munster
Angel Watkins
Grace Yakam
Taylor McGowen
Evan Lane
Clay Mallory
Katie Ruhl
Jacob Dach
Ryan Alexander
Caroline Anders

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart and Carson Ellis

Katie Jacoby
Julia Leet
Yas Salon
Alex Szabo
Jasmine Lee
Andrew Lippert
Sidarth Menon
Jacob Taub
Betsy Wallace
Morgan Hamilton

Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass

Michael Boeckman
Savannah Watiker
Sarabeth Morris
Kyle Vorys
Sarah Wexner
James Berry
Gaby Sterkowicz

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

Jane Li
Jack Langdale
Zac Beck
Max Chavarria
Maddie Dunlap
Matthew Saling
Conner Pehl
Austin Ho
Braden Shimp
Deeksha Bathini
Lauren Overly
Meghan Walther

Skellig by David Almond

Sam Vogel
Connor Brown
Jay Chester
Michael Reagan
Jack Reifeis
Justin Kahle
Matt Cea
Grant Cookerly
Aditya Jadcherla
Austen Wahl
Owen Lewis

The Wreckers by Ian Lawrence

Jack Ostrowski
Liana Shiroma
Colin Hobart
Mason Helsel
Nicholas Robie
Tyler Whitt
Alec Macchia
Nathan Sardo
Matt Schmitz
Whitney Dankworth

Yolanda's Genius by Carol Fenner

Elizabeth Szabo

Abhinav Ramaswamy

Karibi Hart

Nick Smith

Hannah Worley

Cristina Chiocca

Solomon Pierre-Louis

Varun Gopal

Eleven Birthdays by Wendy Mass

Kyra Zoog

Lexis Hughes

Ally Sabgir

Taylor Paglieri

Kelley Marie Antione

Abigail Leaventon

Olivia Irion

Audrey Grammel

Emily Cammeyer

Michelle Daoud

Camila Jones

Double Dutch by Sharon Draper

Kareena Arora

Mary Worley

Alana Acker

Annie Zeigler

Isabelle Bettinger

Taylor Jones

Eva Schottenstein

Tia Proicou

Sari Schlonsky

Kennedy Sulton