

7th Grade Summer Reading List

Dear Seventh Grader and Parents,

We are all looking forward to summer, and I am sure that we will have such wonderful experiences to share when we return! One of those experiences is summer reading! In the Summer Reading List you will discover many options!

You may go to www.arbookfind.com to get more good ideas for books as well as the important information about reading levels and age-appropriateness. This is from the company *Renaissance Learning*, the creators of Accelerated Reader. To learn more you can go to www.renlearn.com.

Here is a code to help you understand the symbols below:

IL means Interest Level. *This is very important.*

LG means the book is appropriate in content for Grades K-3.

MG means the book is appropriate in content for Grade 4-8.

UG means the book is appropriate in content for Grades 9-12.

BL means Book Level. Try to choose books that really match your reading level. Consider the level you were reading at the end of the school year. Read at a level that you feel is right for YOU. If you are new to our school and not sure of your level, use this rule of thumb: If you do not know 5 words on a page, you should try to move that level down a bit. You'll get there a lot faster if you read at a level that is just right for you. **AR Points** mean how many points you will earn if you get 100% on the AR quiz after reading the book. You can review the books right before school starts to take the AR tests.

Required Reading:

- 1) **You will need to read the book BELOW** book and do the attached Summer Reading Book Report Form. You may take the AR test for this book upon return.

First Crossing: Stories About Teen Immigrants

Gallo, Donald R.

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **8.0**

Stories of recent Mexican, Venezuelan, Kazakh, Chinese, Romanian, Palestinian, Swedish, Korean, Haitian, and Cambodian immigrants reveal what it is like to face prejudice, language barriers, and homesickness along with common teenage feelings and needs.

2 & 3) INADDITON, YOU MUST READ AT LEAST TWO MORE BOOKS.

Choose at least one book from List #1 (Classics and Human Interest) and one book from List #2 (Humanities). Do the attached Summer Book Report Form for each of these two books.

HAPPY READING!

Ms. Paulson

LIST #1 Classics & Human Interest (*Note: If you want to read an easier abridged version of a classic such as Great Illustrated Classics, make sure that the level is at least 5.6 or above*).

The Adventures of Robin Hood (Unabridged)

Green, Roger Lancelyn

IL: **MG** - BL: **8.1** - AR Pts: **11.0**

This is a classic retelling of stories involving Robin and his merry men.

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (Unabridged)

Doyle, Arthur Conan

IL: **MG** - **BL: 7.0** - **AR Pts: 18.0**

This collection of twelve classic short stories by noted British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle includes THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE, THE MAN WITH THE TWISTED LIP, and THE SPECKLED BAND.

Anne of Green Gables (Unabridged)

Montgomery, L.M.

IL: **MG** - BL: **7.3** - AR Pts: **17.0**

This is the first novel in the Anne series that has delighted millions of young readers since its publication in 1908. Eleven-year-old Anne Shirley wins the heart of her foster mother.

White Fang (Unabridged)

London, Jack

IL: **MG** - BL: **7.4** - AR Pts: **13.0**

This classic tale tells of a savage dog's transformation through love.

Treasure Island (Unabridged)

Stevenson, Robert Louis

IL: **MG** - BL: **8.3** - AR Pts: **12.0**

This classic presents a tale of piracy on the tropical seas, of treachery and greed combined with romance, treasure, and adventure.

Through the Looking-Glass (Unabridged)

Carroll, Lewis

IL: **MG** - BL: **7.6** - AR Pts: **5.0**

Alice goes through the mirror to find a strange world where curious adventures await her.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Unabridged)

Carroll, Lewis

IL: **MG** - BL: **7.4** - AR Pts: **5.0**

Alice lives an ordinary life, until the day she finds herself in the wonderful world of mad tea parties and remarkable characters. This text is also published under the title Alice in Wonderland.

Little Women: Book One

Alcott, Louisa May

IL: **MG** - BL: **7.4** - AR Pts: **15.0**

This classic story chronicles the joys and troubles of the four March sisters -- Meg, Jo, Amy, and Beth -- as they grow into young ladies.

Incident at Hawk's Hill

Eckert, Allan

IL: **MG** - BL: **7.2** - AR Pts: **9.0**

Set in 1870, this story about a boy and a badger is based on an actual incident.

The Wednesday Wars

Schmidt, Gary D.

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.9** - AR Pts: **12.0**

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to religion classes, seventh-grader Holling stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of Shakespeare and he learns about the world he lives in.

Palace of Mirrors

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **10.0**

Fourteen-year-old Cecilia has always known she is the true princess of Suala, but when she and her best friend, Harper, decide to speed up her ascendancy to the throne, they find danger and many imposters who challenge her claim.

The Austere Academy *This is Book #5 of **The Series if Unfortunate Events**. If you want to continue in the series, you should pick up where you left off. There are 13 books now!*

Snicket, Lemony

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.7** - AR Pts: **6.0**

As their outrageous misfortune continues, the Baudelaire orphans are shipped off to a miserable boarding school, and find that they have been followed by the dreaded Count Olaf. Book #5

These Happy Golden Years (or any of the **Little House on the Prairie** books!)

Wilder, Laura Ingalls

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.6** - AR Pts: **10.0**

Fifteen-year-old Laura begins teaching and is courted by her future husband, Almanzo.

Call It Courage

Sperry, Armstrong

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.2** - AR Pts: **3.0**

This is the inspiring story of a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe when his pet falcon is confiscated by a conservation officer.

[Inkheart](#) (If you have read [Inkheart](#), you may want to continue in the series)

Funke, Cornelia

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **23.0**

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force them into service. Book #1

[My Side of the Mountain](#)

George, Jean Craighead

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **6.0**

Written in the form of a diary, this story relates the days of a young boy in the Catskill Mountains. A classic that everyone should read!

[Paint the Wind](#)

Ryan, Pam Muñoz

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **6.0**

After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.

[The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe \(Unabridged\)](#)

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.7** - AR Pts: **6.0**

Lewis, C.S.

Aslan, the noble lion, frees Narnia from the spell of the White Witch. Book #1 If you have not yet read this book maybe this is the summer to do it! A real classic!

[Heart of Steele](#)

Strickland, Brad

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.1** - AR Pts: **6.0**

It is 1688, and the AURORA is still sailing under cover, searching for the real pirate king, Jack Steele. Now, the crew of the RED QUEEN has put into port and Hunter will let nothing stop his final showdown! The coauthor is Thomas E. Fuller.

[The Guns of Tortuga](#)

Strickland, Brad

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.9** - AR Pts: **6.0**

Davy Shea continues his travels with his Uncle Patch, a surgeon, on the AURORA to find the villainous pirate Jack Steele. The coauthor is Thomas E. Fuller.

[The Phantom Tollbooth](#)

Juster, Norton

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.7** - AR Pts: **7.0**

In this wise and witty fantasy, a boy travels through time and space to the Lands Beyond.

LIST #2 Humanities

The Captain's Dog (Highly Recommended)

Smith, Roland

IL: **MG+** - BL: **5.8** - AR Pts: **8.0**

Captain Meriwether Lewis's dog Seaman describes his experiences as he accompanies his master on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the uncharted western wilderness.

Ben Franklin: Inventing America

Fleming, Thomas

IL: **MG** - BL: **8.5** - AR Pts: **7.0**

This book paints a portrait of this self-made man blessed with a wealth of talents: an author, a newspaper publisher, and a world-renowned scientist and inventor before he took on the task of becoming the true "Father" of American independence.

Lincoln: A Photobiography

Freedman, Russell

IL: **MG** - BL: **7.7** - AR Pts: **5.0**

Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.

Tree of Freedom

Caudill, Rebecca

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.1** - AR Pts: **10.0**

Thirteen-year-old Stephanie and her family move from Carolina to Kentucky in 1780, full of promise and full of hardships.

Across Five Aprils

Hunt, Irene

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.6** - AR Pts: **10.0**

A moving story of the Civil War and one boy who grew up at home.

Caddie Woodlawn

Brink, Carol Ryrie

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.0** - AR Pts: **8.0**

This is a story of a spirited pioneer girl's adventures on the Wisconsin frontier.

I Walk in Dread: The Diary of Deliverance Trembley, Witness to the Salem Witch Trials

Fraustino, Lisa Rowe

MG - BL: **6.3** - AR Pts: **8.0**

Twelve-year-old Deliverance Trembley writes in her diary about the fears and doubts that arise during the 1692 witch hunt and trials in Salem Village, Massachusetts, especially when her pious friend, Goody Corey, is condemned as a witch.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Speare, Elizabeth George

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.7** - AR Pts: **9.0**

Puritan neighbors regard Kit Tyler with suspicion, fear, and anger when she befriends an old woman accused of witchcraft.

[The Slave Dancer](#)

Fox, Paula

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.0** - AR Pts: **6.0**

In this spellbinding novel of suspense and survival, young Jessie, a musician, is hired to play for the slaves aboard a ship bound for America.

[The Journal of Jesse Smoke: A Cherokee Boy](#)

Bruchac, Joseph

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.2** - AR Pts: **6.0**

Jesse Smoke, a sixteen-year-old Cherokee, begins a journal in 1837 to record stories of his people and their difficulties as they face removal along the Trail of Tears.

[Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison](#)

Lenski, Lois

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **10.0**

Authentic reconstruction of Mary Jemison's capture and life with the Seneca Indians.

[Land of the Buffalo Bones: The Diary of Mary Elizabeth Rodgers, an English Girl in Minnesota](#)

Bauer, Marion Dane

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.9** - AR Pts: **7.0**

Fourteen-year-old Polly Rodgers keeps a diary of her 1873 journey from England to Minnesota as part of a colony of eighty people seeking religious freedom, and of their first year struggling to make a life there, led by her father, a Baptist minister.

[The Birchbark House](#)

Erdrich, Louise

IL: **MG** - BL: **6.1** - AR Pts: **7.0**

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

[Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey](#)

Highwater, Jamake

IL: **UG** - BL: **5.7** - AR Pts: **9.0**

This book contains tales from North American Indian tribes woven into one story that relates the adventures of one boy as he grows to manhood.

[The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle](#)

Avi

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **8.0**

As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious. A very exciting book of mystery and adventure on the high seas!

7th Grade Summer Book Report Form (for First Crossings)

Directions: Please complete a form for **TWO** of the short stories in *First Crossings*.

After reading each book, fill out a chart for the book that you have chosen. You do not need to use complete sentences. You may do this on the computer using this template or you may do this in your best cursive handwriting on lined paper.

Characters Write a description of the main character.	
Setting Describe the setting. When does the story take place? What does it look like?	
Plot Write a thorough summary telling what happened in the story.	
Important Quotations Write three exact quotations that use good word choice. Look for descriptive adjectives.	
Your Thoughts Did you like this book? Tell what you liked most. Was there anything you did not like?	

7th Grade Summer Book Report Form #1 (for your 1st Choice book)

Directions: After reading each book, fill out a chart for the book that you have chosen. You need to use complete sentences. You may do this on the computer using this template or you may do this in your best cursive handwriting on lined paper.

Characters Write a description of the main character.	
Setting Describe the setting. When does the story take place? What does it look like?	
Plot Write a thorough summary telling what happened in the story.	
Important Quotations Write three exact quotations that use good word choice. Look for descriptive adjectives.	
Your Thoughts Did you like this book? Tell what you liked most. Was there anything you did not like?	

7th Grade Summer Book Report Form #2 (for your 2nd Choice book)

Directions: After reading each book, fill out a chart for the book that you have chosen. You need to use complete sentences. You may do this on the computer using this template or you may do this in your best cursive handwriting on lined paper.

Characters Write a description of the main character.	
Setting Describe the setting. When does the story take place ? What does it look like?	
Plot Write a thorough summary telling what happened in the story.	
Important Quotations Write three exact quotations that use good word choice. Look for descriptive adjectives.	
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