

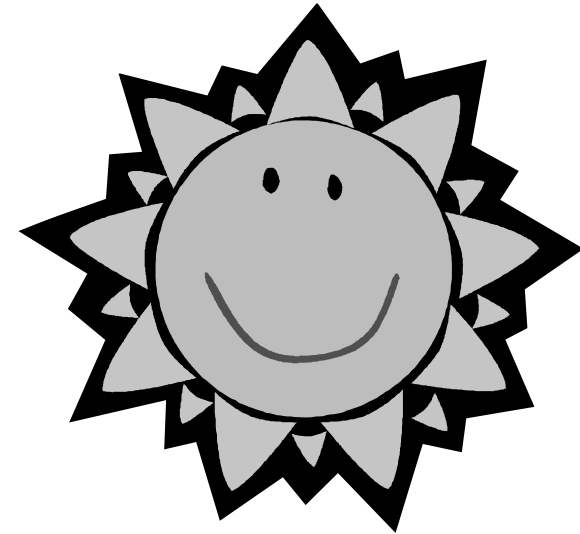
"If we want students who are readers, not just students who can read, we must surround them with high-quality books they want to read."

Steve Wolk from *What Students Should Be Reading in School*

Read for the fun of it!



Hamden Middle School



2010
Summer Reading
Grade 7

Purpose of Summer Reading

Research has shown that students who read during the summer improve their vocabulary and increase their reading skills. We encourage you to catch the reading habit and become a lifelong reader. This summer – *read for the fun of it!*

Reading Requirements

All students entering 7th grade at Hamden Middle School are **required** to read at least **two books** during the summer, one fiction, one nonfiction. You may choose any books that interest you. We have listed several fiction authors that are popular with HMS students. For nonfiction, we have listed some of the topics that you will be studying in 7th grade. As you read this summer, record the titles and authors on the Summer Reading Journal. When you return to school in September, give your list to your English teacher. The media specialist will total all the books read during the summer by HMS students and submit that number to the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge.

As you read this summer, think about the questions below. Be prepared to discuss your favorite books in your English class in September. You may take notes to help you remember, but notes are not required. **You will be receiving class credit for the books you read this summer.**

1. What are the main events in the book? (forming a general understanding)
2. What parts of the book are most important, interesting, or surprising? (examining content and structure)
3. What does the book say about people in general? Does the book remind you of people you know or have read about? (making a reader/text connection)
4. Write one fact and one opinion about the book. (developing an interpretation)



Fiction Authors

Avi	Kerr, M.E.
Block, Francesca	Klass, David
Colfer, Eoin	Lowry, Lois
Cormier, Robert	Myers, Walter Dean
Creech, Sharon	Paulsen, Gary
Crutcher, Chris	Rinaldi, Ann
Farmer, Nancy	Ryan, Pam Muñoz
Flake, Sharon	Shusterman, Neal
Gantos, Jack	Soto, Gary
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Spinelli, Jerry
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Taylor, Mildred
Hamilton, Virginia	Woodson, Jacqueline
Hobbs, Will	Zindel, Paul

2011 Nutmeg Award Nominees

Pearsall, Shelley	<i>All of the Above</i>
Fletcher, Susan	<i>Alphabet of Dreams</i>
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Chains</i>
Lockhart, E.	<i>The Disreputable History of Frankie-Landau Banks</i>
Applegate, Katherine	<i>Home of the Brave</i>
de Mari, Silvana	<i>The Last Dragon</i>
Dowd, Siobhan	<i>The London Eye Mystery</i>
Shusterman, Neal	<i>Unwind</i>
Connors, Leslie	<i>Waiting for Normal</i>
Schmidt, Gary D.	<i>The Wednesday Wars</i>

Nonfiction Topics

- Physical Science (i.e. properties of matter, force & motion, matter & energy)
- Catastrophic events (i.e. hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis)
- The Human Body (i.e. diseases, digestive system, respiratory system, circulatory system, musculoskeletal system)
- Famous mathematicians (i.e. Pythagoras, DaVinci, Einstein, Escher)
- Famous artists or musicians (i.e. Romare Bearden, Louis Armstrong)
- Ancient history or mythology (i.e. Greece, Rome)