

SUMMER READING LIST

Rising 7th Graders

Over the summer all rising 7th grade students are required to read one book from the list below and complete the attached assignment. **(Due August 17, 2011)**

Wonderful books from which to choose:

THE LOST YEARS OF MERLIN by T.A. Barron – If you are looking for a book that is exciting and has lots of magic and mystery, you should read this book. This book is about a young boy who doesn't remember anything and is destined to be the greatest wizard ever—Merlin.

AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS by Gennifer Choldenko – When Moose and his family move to Alcatraz, his life changes drastically. He has to leave all of his friends behind, and his dad doesn't even have time to play ball with him anymore. As if that isn't enough, he lives on an island with some of the world's most dangerous criminals! All he wants to do is help and protect his sister, live up to his parents' high expectations, and most of all, stay out of trouble. But with the warden's cute, annoying, nosy daughter around, it seems rather unlikely.

AL CAPONE SHINES MY SHOES by Gennifer Choldenko – Sequel to above.

DOUBLE IDENTITY by Margaret Peterson Haddix – As Bethany approaches her 13th birthday, her parents act more oddly than usual: her mother cries constantly, and her father barely lets Bethany out of his sight. Then one morning he hustles the entire family into the car, drives across several state lines and leaves Bethany with an aunt she never knew existed. The mystery intensifies when Bethany gets a package from her father containing four different birth certificates from four different states, with four different names and thousands of dollars in cash.

THE MISSING SERIES BOOK 1 -- FOUND by Margaret Peterson Haddix – Thirteen year old Jonah has always known that he was adopted, and he's never thought it was any big deal. Then he and a new friend, Chip, who is also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters. The first one says, "YOU are one of the missing." The second one says, "Beware! They are coming to get you!" Jonah, Chip, and Jonah's sister, Katherine, are plunged into a mystery that involves the FBI, a vast smuggling operation, an airplane that appeared out of nowhere—and people who seem to disappear at will.

BOOK 2 – SENT by Margaret Peterson Haddix – Sequel to above.

BOOK 3 – SABATOGED by Margaret Peterson Haddix – Sequel to above.

THE HUNGER GAMES by Suzanne Collins – Katniss is a 16-year old girl living with her mother and younger sister in the poorest district of Panem, the remains of what used to be the United States. Long ago the districts waged war on the Capitol and were defeated. As part of the surrender terms, each district agreed to send one boy and one girl to appear in an annual televised event called "The Hunger Games." The terrain, rules, and level of audience participation may change but one thing is constant: kill or be killed. When Kat's sister is chosen by lottery, Kat steps up to go in her place.

CATCHING FIRE by Suzanne Collins

MOCKING JAY by Suzanne Collins

Any Artemis Fowl book by Eoin Colfer – Artemis is the 14-year old main character who is a ruthless and extremely intelligent young criminal whose main goal is the acquisition of money through a variety of often illegal schemes.

Any Pendragon book by D.J. MacHale – Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal 14-year old boy but there is something very special about Bobby; he is going to save the world. And not just Earth as we know it. Bobby is slowly starting to realize that life in the cosmos isn't quite what he thought it was. And before he can object, he is swept off to an alternate dimension known as Denduron, a territory inhabited by strange beings, led by a magical tyrant, and plagued by dangerous revolution. If Bobby wants to see his family again, he's going to have to accept his role as savior wholeheartedly. Because, as he is about to discover, Denduron is only the beginning . . .

SO B IT by Sarah Weeks – She doesn't know when her birthday is or who her father is. In fact, everything about Heidi and her mentally disabled mother's past is a mystery. When a strange word in her mother's vocabulary begins to haunt her, Heidi sets out on a cross-country journey in search of the secrets from her past.