

Each Student is expected to read at least 4 books.

- 2 Required Reading
- 1 Title from Choice List
- 1 Title from Teacher Sponsored List

REQUIRED READING

1. *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

A bizarre chain of events begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. And though no one knows why the eccentric, game-loving millionaire has chosen a virtual stranger - and a possible murderer - to inherit his vast fortune, one thing's for sure: Sam Westing may be dead... but that won't stop him from playing one last game! (AR 5.4, Point Value 8)

2. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

Why is the land so important to Cassie's family? It takes the events of one turbulent year—the year of the night riders and the burnings, the year a white girl humiliates Cassie in public simply because she's black—to show Cassie that having a place of their own is the Logan family's lifeblood. It is the land that gives the Logans their courage and pride—no matter how others may degrade them, the Logans possess something no one can take away. (AR 5.7, point value 10)

CHOICE LIST

Choose **ONE** book from the following list. You will complete an AR quiz on this book when you return to school in August. This will become part of your Reading grade for the 1st quarter.

- **Skellig by David Almond** AR level 4.3, point value 4
- **Leap of Faith by Kimberley Brubaker Bradley** AR level 4.2, point value 6
- **The Safest Lie by Angela Cerrito** AR level 4.9, point value 7
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- **A Mango Shaped Space by Wendy Mass** AR level 4.7, point value 9
- **Peak by Roland Smith** AR level 5, point value 9
- **The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen** AR level 5.1, point value 9
- **Pax by Sara Pennypacker** AR Level 5.3, point value 10
- **A Year in the Life of a Complete and Total Genius by Stacy Matson-** AR level 5.3, point value 8
- **No Summit Out of Sight by Jordan Romero** AR 5.6, point value 12
- **The Girl who Could Fly by Victoria Forrester** AR level 6, point value 11

(Please know that you are welcome to read more than the required ONE title. Read as many, or all if you like!)

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Happy reading!

SUMMER READING RISING **SEVENTH GRADE** 2018-2019

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REQUIRED READING

1. *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt

A great story about a new boy in town Doug, and Lil Spicer, the savvy spitfire daughter of his deli owner boss. With her assistance, Doug discovers new sides of himself. Along the way, he also readjusts his relationship with his father, his school peers, and his older brother, a newly returned war victim of Vietnam. With references throughout the book to Audubon's iconic images of American birds, the book is sure to leave a lasting impression on the minds of its readers. (AR 4.9, 11points)

2. *Listen to the Moon* by Michael Morpugo

May, 1915. Alfie and his fisherman father find a girl on an uninhabited island in the Scillies - injured, thirsty, lost...and with absolutely no memory of who she is, or how she came to be there. She can say only one word: Lucy. Where has she come from? Is she a mermaid, the victim of a German U-boat, or even - as some islanders suggest - a German spy...? Only one thing is for sure: she loves music and moonlight, and it is when she listens to the gramophone that the glimmers of the girl she once was begin to appear. (AR 5.9, points 13)

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- **I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora** AR 4.1, 5 points
- **The Green Glass Sea by Ellen Klages** AR 4.6, 10 points
- **Bird on Water Street by Elizabeth O. Dulemba** AR level 4.9, point value 7
- **Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass** AR level 4.9, 11 points
- **Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool** AR Level 5.2, 11 points
- **I am David by Anne Holm** AR level 5.6, 8 points
- **The Tin Snail by Cameron McAllister** AR level 5.8, 10 points
- **Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt** AR Level 5.9, 10 points
- **Going Where it's Dark by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor** AR 5.9, 12 points
- **Tesla's Attic by Neal Shusterman** AR level 6.3, 11 points

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SUMMER READING RISING **EIGHTH GRADE** 2018-2019

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REQUIRED READING

1. *The Messenger* by Lois Lowry

Matty has lived in Village and flourished under the guidance of Seer, a blind man known for his special sight. Village once welcomed newcomers, but something sinister has seeped in and the people have voted to close it to outsiders. Matty has been invaluable as a messenger, now he must risk everything to make one last journey through the treacherous forest with his only weapon, a power he unexpectedly discovers within himself. AR 4.9, 5 points.

2. *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie

A classic mystery is solved by the famous detective, Hercule Poirot when a unpopular rich man is found aboard the luxurious Orient Express with multiple stab wounds. There are thirteen likely suspects, all of whom have a motive to kill the victim. AR 6.2, 9 points.

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- **Airborn by Kenneth Oppel** AR level 5.2, 15 points
- **Return to Sender by Julia Alvarez** AR level 5.5, 11 points
- **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** AR Level 5.9, 15 points
- **Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth** AR level 6, 10 points
- **The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper** AR Level 6.2, 13 points
- **Death Cloud (The Young Sherlock Holmes Mystery #1) by Andrew Lane** AR 6.3, 12 points
- **The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkein** AR level 6.6, 16 points.
- **The Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric Kelly** AR level 7.1, 10 points
- **The Hidden Treasure of Glaston by Eleanore M. Jewett** AR level 7.2, 14 points
- **Little Women by Louisa M Alcott (Book 1)** AR 7.4, 15 points

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