

## SUMMER BOOK LIST - GRADES 7 & 8 (Revised May 2017)

Rising seventh and eighth graders must read three books for their Summer Reading credit. Each student **MUST READ THE REQUIRED BOOK** for his/her grade level and **two additional books from the lists**. See specific details in the two lists below. No more than two books by the same author may be read to count towards Summer Reading Credit. **Choose a book you haven't read before.** Most of the titles listed are classics, Newbery books, Christian fiction series, or top picks for your age group...enjoy!

**REQUIRED BOOK:** (The one your whole class takes a test on the first week of school...NOT your AR book!)

**7th Grade - Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare**

**8th Grade - Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes (7th graders cannot read Johnny Tremain)**

**ACCELERATED READER BOOK:** Read a book listed below, then come by the school library to take your quiz (Fridays only). Try to take the quiz soon after reading the book or it will be harder to pass the quiz. Read for comprehension. Do not read abridged or adapted versions...that can result in a failed quiz!

Alcott, Louisa May - Little Women, Jo's Boys. (Little Women: Be sure to read both Part I & Part II to pass test)

Avi - The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, The Man Who Was Poe, Crispin

Armstrong, William H. - Souder (dog)

Burnett, Frances H. - A Little Princess, The Secret Garden

Burnford, Sheila - The Incredible Journey (animals)

Clark, Ann Nolan - Secret of the Andes

Crane, Stephen - The Red Badge of Courage (Civil War)

DeAngeli, Margerite - The Door in the Wall - (Middle Ages)

DeCamillo, Kate - Tale of Despereaux (humorous adventure)

Gilbreth, Frank and Ernestine Carey - Cheaper by the Dozen (Autobiographical/Humor)

Keller, Helen - Story of My Life - (Autobiography/Blind)

Kelly, Eric P. - Trumpeter of Krakow (war)

Kjelgaard, Jim - Outlaw Red, Big Red, Irish Red (animal)

Latham, Jean Lee - Carry on Mr. Bowditch

L'Engle, Madeleine - A Wrinkle in Time, A Wind in the Door

Lenski, Lois - Indian Captive (late 1700s Indians/settlers)

London, Jack - Call of the Wild, Sea-Wolf, White Fang

Lowry, Lois - Number the Stars (Holocaust)

MacDonald, George - The Golden Key, At the Back of the North Wind

Montgomery, Rutherford - Kildee House (animals)

North, Sterling - Rascal (animal)

O'Dell, Scott - Island of the Blue Dolphins, The King's Fifth, Zia

Pyle, Howard - Men of Iron, The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood

Raskin, Ellen - The Westing Game (mystery)

Rawls, Wilson - Where the Red Fern Grows (dog)

Richter, Conrad - Light in the Forest (Indians/Settlers)

Sawyer, Ruth - Roller Skates

Sewell, Anna - Black Beauty - (Horses) -do not read if you read this for 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

Speare, Elizabeth - Witch of Blackbird Pond, The Bronze Bow

Sperry, Armstrong - Call It Courage

Saint-Exupery, Antoine de - The Little Prince

Stevenson, Robert Louis - Kidnapped (Do not read Treasure Island - It's taught later.)

Taylor, Mildred - Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Verne, Jules - Journey to the Center of the Earth, Around the World in Eighty Days

Wiggin, Kate - Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm

Wells, H.G. - Time Machine

White, E.B. - The Trumpet of the Swan

Wilder, Laura Ingalls - Farmer Boy, By the Shores of Silver Lake, The Long Winter, These Happy Golden Years