

## **SUMMER READING IS HERE AGAIN!**

Attached is the Summer Reading List for the students both entering and returning to MSW in the fall of 2007. We are requiring the students to keep up with their reading over break, by assigning three books and reports to be turned in over the course of the summer.

- Book #1 - Book listed as "Everyone must read" on the book list  
Book report due July 1
- Book #2 - One of the books on the list that from which you can choose  
Book report due August 1
- Book #3 - Any book at or above grade level  
Book report due first day of school

The book reports are to be very simple, and the intention is that they prove that the students read the entire book instead of just the back cover. Generally one or two paragraphs will get the job done. Please do not all students to reread books, and if all of the books at their grade level have been read, simply choose a book from the next grade level.

Book reports can be e-mailed to me or snail-mailed to me at home on the due dates.

Call me with any questions or concerns, but please be patient with me if it takes a little bit of time to get back with you.

Thanks, and have a great summer!  
I cannot wait to see you all in the fall.

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## Summer Reading List

**Entering 4<sup>th</sup> – Everyone must read:** *My Side of the Mountain.* Jean Craighead George

**Also read one from the following:**

*Abel's Island.* William Steig

*Call It Courage.* Armstrong Sperry

*The Cay.* Theodore Taylor

*Hatchet.* Garry Paulsen

*Island of the Blue Dolphins.* Scott O'Dell

*A Lion to Guard Us.* Bulla

**Entering 5<sup>th</sup> – Everyone must read:** *Sees Behind Trees.* Michael Dorris

**Also read one of the following:**

*Chasing Redbird.* Sharon Creech

*Ruby Holler.* Sharon Creech

*Walk Two Moons.* Sharon Creech

*Alice Adventures in Wonderland.* Lewis Carroll

*Lost Years of Merlin.* Barron

*Molly Moon Incredible Book of Hypnotism.* Byng

*A Wrinkle in Time.* L'Engle

**Entering 6<sup>th</sup> – Everyone must read:** *Tuck Everlasting*. Natalie Babbitt

**Also read one from the following:**

*Shipwrecked: The Adventures of a Japanese Boy*. Rhoda Blumberg

*The Dark is Rising*. Susan Cooper

*Sea of Trolls*. Nancy Farmer

*The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn*. Dorothy Hoobler

*Hoops*. Walter Dean Myers

*Local News*. Gary Soto

*Where the Red Fern Grows*. Wilson Rawls

*Yolanda's Genius*. Carol Fenner

**Entering 7<sup>th</sup> – Everyone must read two of the following:**

*Armageddon Summer*. Jane Yolen

*The Breadwinner*. Deborah Ellis

*The Moves Make the Man*. Bruce Brooks

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. Mildred Taylor

*Silent to the Bone*. Konigsburg

*Tangerine*. Edward Bloor

*Time Stops for No Mouse*. Michael Hoeye

*Whirligig*. Paul Fleischman

**Entering 8<sup>th</sup> – Everyone must read two of the following:**

*1984.* George Orwell

*The Chronicles of Narnia.* C.S. Lewis (any book in the series)

*The Amber Spyglass.* Philip Pullman

*The Golden Compass.* Philip Pullman

*The House of the Scorpion.* Nancy Farmer

*The Hobbit.* J.R. Tolkien

*The Subtle Knife.* Philip Pullman

*Tuesdays With Morrie.* Mitch Albom