



Dear Students,

Summer is a wonderful time to be with friends and family, but it is also a great time to experience the joy of reading.

As you read, you should be thinking about what you are reading. Some questions you might want to ask yourself are as follows:

- Where does this story take place? What is this place like? When did this story take place? Have you ever been to a place like this? If not, would you like to visit a place like this? Why or why not?
- Who has a problem in this story? Describe the problem this character had. Was the problem solved? How? Did this same problem ever happen to you? Was your problem similar? How did you solve it?
- What was the plot or main idea? How did the story begin? What happened in the middle of the story? How did this story end? Can you think of another way this story might have ended?
- Who are the main characters in your story? Did you like the main characters? Why or why not? Do any of the characters change? In what way? Do you agree with everything the main characters do? Why or why not?

Assignment:

For language arts class, you need to read at least three books. Choose two from the attached list, and then one other that you think you would enjoy but which is not on the list. **When school starts, be prepared to complete a project about one of the books you have read and to explain the key elements (plot, setting, characters) for all three.** If you have any questions about your summer reading, please email me at lnixon@ashmi.org.

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Middle School for Girls Grades 5/6 Summer Reading List

Fever 1793, Anderson
**Crispin*, Avi
Nothing But the Truth, Avi
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi
Tuck Everlasting, Babbitt
**Chasing Vermeer*, Balliett
Real Friends, Hale and Pham
**The Penderwicks*, Birdsall
Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret, Blume
**The Name of this Book is Secret*, Bosch
Secret Garden, Burnett
**Artemis Fowl*, Colfer
Waiting for Normal, Connor
**The Dark Is Rising*, Cooper
Ruby Holler, Creech
The Wanderer, Creech
The Midwife's Apprentice, Cushman
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, DiCamillo
The Tale of Despereaux, DiCamillo
Out of My Mind, Draper
**The Breadwinner*, Ellis
Ginger Pye, Estes
**Incarceron*, Fisher
**Sapphique*, Fisher
Fig Pudding, Fletcher
The Shadow Spinner, Fletcher
**Inkheart*, Funke
**Reckless*, Funke
Thief Lord, Funke
Running Out of Time, Haddix
**Seraphina*, Hartman
**Misty of Chincoteague*, Henry
The Music of Dolphins, Hesse
Phoenix Rising, Hesse
Everything on a Waffle, Horvath
**The Misfits*, Howe
**Redwall*, Jacques
Roller Girl, Jamieson
Kira-Kira, Kadahata
The View From Saturday, Konigsburg
**Masterminds*, Korman
Listen, Slowly, Lai
**Savvy*, Law
**A Wrinkle in Time*, L'Engle
Ella Enchanted, Levine
The Two Princesses of Bamarre, Levine
Number the Stars, Lowry
A Corner of the Universe, Martin
**Anne of Green Gables*, Montgomery
Wonder, Palacio
Jacob Have I Loved, Paterson
**Hatchet*, Paulsen
The Island, Paulsen
**The River*, Paulsen
*Percy Jackson Series, Riordan
*Harry Potter Series, Rowling
Echo, Ryan
Esperanza Rising, Ryan
Missing May, Rylant
Sixth Grade Secrets, Sachar
The Marvels, Selznick
Black Beauty, Sewell
**A Series of Unfortunate Events*, Snicket
Loser, Spinelli
Maniac Magee, Spinelli
Treasure Island, Stevenson
Moon Over Manifest, Vanderpool
**Homecoming*, Voigt
Homeless Bird, Whelan
**The Little House on the Prairie*, Wilder

*Please note: If you read a book on this list that is part of a series, your other choice should not be another book from the same series. Try some variety!