

FRANKLIN ROAD ACADEMY

Summer Reading List for Students Entering Sixth Grade 2008

Required Books:

The Twenty-One Balloons – William Pene du Bois
Crispen: The Cross of Lead - Avi

Choice Books

Pick one of the following books for a total of three books:

Fiction:

A View from Saturday – E. L. Konigsburg
The Midwife's Apprentice – Karen Cushman
Goose Chase – Patricia Kindl
Anne of Green Gables – Lucy Maude Montgomery
The Glory Field – Walter Dean Myers
Island of the Blue Dolphins – Scott O'Dell
The Westing Game – Ellen Raskin
Wolf by the Ears – Ann Rinaldi
Dragonsong – Anne McCaffrey
Gossamer – Lois Lowry
Wringer – Jerry Spinelli
All of the Above – Shellye Pearsall
Bella at Midnight – Diane Stanley
Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607 -- Elisa Carbone
Weedflower -- Cynthia Kadohata
Wings -- William Loizeaux
On the Wings of Heroes – Richard Peck
Small Steps (companion to *Holes*) – Louis Sachar
Firegirl – Tony Abbott
Al Capone Does My Shirts -- Gennifer Choldenko
The Lightning Thief -- Rick Riordan

Non-fiction:

Escape: The Story of Harry Houdini – Sid Fleishman
After the Last Dog Died ; *The True Life, Hair-Raising Adventure of Douglas Mawson's 1912 Antarctic Adventure* - Carmen Bredeson
Kennedy Assassinated!: the World Mourns: A Reporter's Story – Wilborn Hampton
Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought) – Kathleen Krull
Lives of the Athletes: Thrills, Spills, (and What the Neighbors Thought) – Kathleen Krull
A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy – Jim Murphy

The students should be prepared to test on the required books and to write a 3-4 paragraph summary of the choice books.



**Middle School
Summer Reading
2008
Grades 6 - 8**

Students Entering Seventh Grade 2008

Read the following two required books:

The Cay – Theodore Taylor

The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm - Nancy Farmer

(BOYS)

A Girl Named Disaster - Nancy Farmer **(GIRLS)**

Choice Books

Choose **one** of the following for a total of three books.

Fire Bringer – David Clement-Davies

I Heard the Owl – Margaret Craven

City of Ember – Jeanne DuPrau

The Slave Dancer – Paula Fox

Morning Is a Long Time Coming – Bette Greene

The Samurai's Tale – Erik C. Haugaard

The Boy and the Samurai – Erik C. Haugaard

All Creatures Great and Small series – James Herriot

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution
– Ji-li Jiang

Kim – Rudyard Kipling

The Girls – Amy Goldman Koss

Jacob Have I Loved – Katherine Paterson

The Rifle – Gary Paulsen

Lord of the Deep – Graham Salisbury

Kidnapped – Robert Louis Stevenson

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

The Sword and the Circle – Rosemary Sutcliffe

Let the Circle Be Unbroken – Mildred D. Taylor

The Hiding Place – Corrie Ten Boon

Seventh graders should be prepared for a test on the required books and to write an in class 3-4 paragraph summary of the choice book as directed by the English teacher.

Summer Reading List for Students Entering Eighth Grade 2008

All eighth graders are to read the two required novels below. Select at least **two** books listed below which you have **not** previously read.

Required Books:

April Morning – Howard Fast

The Gospel According to Larry – Janet Tsjian

Choice Books

Fiction

Across Five Aprils – Irene Hunt

White Fang OR *Call of the Wild* – Jack London

Little Women – Louisa May Alcott

When the Legends Die – Hal Borland

The Education of Little Tree – Forrest Carter and
Rennard Strickland

Summer of My German Soldier – Betty Greene

Johnny Tremain – Esther Forbes

Farewell to Manzanar – James D. Houston

Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith

Christy – Catherine Marshall

Gone with the Wind – Margaret Mitchell

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – Betty Smith

Warriors Don't Cry --- Melba Patillo Beals

Copper Sun --- Sharon Draper

London Calling --- Edward Bloor

The Book Thief --- Markus Zusak

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry – Mildred D. Taylor

Nonfiction

10 Days That Unexpectedly Changed America – Steven M. Gillon

The Way West -- Peter Jenkins

Eighth graders should be prepared to test on the required books and to write a 5 paragraph summary of the choice book(s).

