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## **Summer Reading List 2008-2009**

### **Grade 8**

**Mrs. Dobrev**

Each student will read **5 age appropriate books** of his/her choice (suggested reading list attached). Book titles and authors should be recorded on the “Required Summer reading Form” (attached) and signed by a parent/guardian. Grading for summer reading will be oral class presentation/discussion based on assigned questions for each book (questions are attached). Each book is valued at 20 points with a total point value of 100 which will be counted twice: once as a grammar grade, and once as a literature grade. It is suggested that the student complete the series of questions for each book immediately after he/she has finished reading it and keep them in a folder marked "Summer Reading". This will hopefully cut down on the work, time, and stress often associated with summer assignments, and allow students to enjoy the pleasures of reading. All reading, as well as, the diver sheet is to be completed and brought to school by Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

Have a wonderful and safe vacation.  
See you in September!



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Adventures of Sherlock Holmes - Doyle

After the Dancing Days - Rostkowski

Aesop's Fables - Aesop

Alexander the Great - Lamb

All Creatures Great and Small - Herriot

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl  
- Frank

Around the World in Eighty Days -  
Verne

Banners at Shenandoah - Catton

Beauty - McKinley

Beyond the Divide - Lasky

Born Free - Adamson

Broken Arrow - Arnold

Call of the Wild - London

Captain Courageous - Kipling

Captain Horatio Hornblower - Forester

Challenge of the Unknown - Hillary

Cheaper by the Dozen - Gilbreth

Cold River - Judson

Come Sing, Jimmy Jo - Paterson

Daniel Boone - Daugherty

Drums - Boyd

Drums Along the Mohawk - Edmonds

The Enemy Below - Rayner

Goodbye Mr. Chips - Hilton

The Good Earth - Buck

Good Night, Mr. Tom - Magorian

Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the  
Underground Railroad - Perry

High King - Alexander

Homecoming - Voigt

"I Have Just Begun to Fight." - Elsburg

Illyrian Adventure - Alexander

Journey to the Center of the Earth -  
Verne

Jonathan Livingston Seagull - Bach

Jungle Book - Kipling

Kidnapped - Stevenson

Kim - Kipling

Leif the Lucky - Hough

Life With Father - Day

Men of Iron - Pyle

Microbe Hunters - deKruif



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Golding

Old Yeller - Gipson

Paul Revere and the World He Lived In -  
Forbes

The Prince and the Pauper - Twain

The Pushcart War - Merrill

The Raft - Trumbull

The Red Pony - Steinbeck

The Riddle of the Sands - Childers

A Ring of Endless Light - L'Engle

Rip Van Winkle and Other Stories - - -  
Irving

Robin Hood - Sutcliff

The Sign of Four - Doyle

Sing Down the Moon - O'Dell

Sister of the Bride -

Robinson Crusoe - Defoe

Song of the Trees - Taylor

A Study in Scarlet - Doyle

Spin a Soft Black Song - Giovanni

Swan Lake - Helprin

Sweetwater - Yep

Trapped in Death Cave - Wallace

Treasure Island - Stevenson

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

The Trumpeter of Krakow - Kelly

The Tumult and the Shouting - Rice

The 21 Balloons - DuBois

Upon the Head of the Goat - Siegal

The War of the Worlds - Wells

When the Legends Die - Borland

Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze - Lewis

Zia - O'Dell



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The Secret Garden—Burnett

Indian in the Cupboard—Banks

Maniac Magee—Spinelli

The Hobbit—Tolkien

Stone Fox—Gardiner

Summer of the Monkeys—Rawls

The Trumpet of the Swan—White

The Phantom Tollbooth—Juster

The Sign of the Beaver—Speare

The following books may **NOT** be used for summer reading:

1. Where the Red Fern Grows
2. Johnny Tremain
3. The Giver
4. Hatchet
5. Number the Stars
6. Dacey's Song
7. The Outsiders
8. Z for Zachariah
9. My Brother Sam Is Dead
10. 20,000 Leagues under the Sea
11. The Cay
12. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
13. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
14. Holes



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## Dive Deep Into Books

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in September \_\_\_\_\_

Here come the Readers

Title of Book

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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30ft. 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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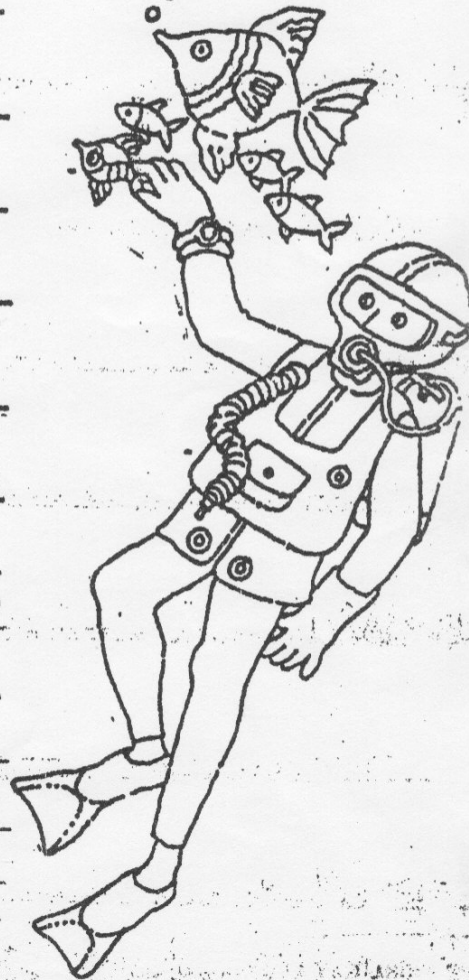
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50ft. 8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

60ft. 10. \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_





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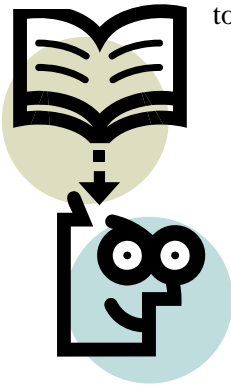
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## Summer Reading Questions

**Title of book:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What are the three most interesting facts you discovered in this book?

2. Why do you think the author chose to write about this topic?

3. What questions do you still have about this topic? Where could you find the answers to these questions?

4. Would you recommend this book to other readers? Why or why not?

**Give three reasons.**