



Bernardsville Middle School 2010 Summer Reading



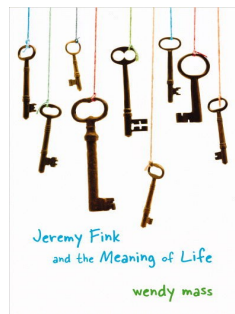
Students Entering Grade 7

Please use the following summer reading titles as recommendations for the 8th grade. You and your parents/guardians should decide which books are appropriate for you.

One School, One Book

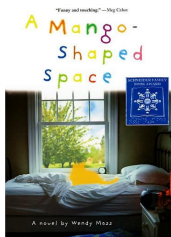
All STUDENTS Entering 7th Grade SHOULD read:

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life – Wendy Mass



Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.

In addition, all students entering 7th grade should read at least one of the following titles by Wendy Mass:



A Mango-Shaped Space:
Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.



Leap Day:
On her fourth Leap birthday, when she turns sixteen, Josie has a number of momentous experiences, including taking her driver's test, auditioning for a school play, and celebrating with her family and friends.



Heaven Looks A Lot Like a Mall:
After an accident in gym class puts sixteen-year-old Tessa into a coma, she re-evaluates her life by visiting the mall stores where significant events in her life took place.

Top Teacher Picks:

The Last Olympian – Percy Jackson Series – Rick Riordan

The long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy Jackson's sixteenth birthday unfolds as he leads an army of young demigods to stop Kronos in his advance on New York City, while the Olympians struggle to contain the rampaging monster, Typhon.

Magyk – Septimus Heap Series – Angie Sage

Jenna learns that she is a princess found as a baby by the man she believed was her father and now she and Septimus, who was taken at birth by the midwife, are being threatened by the evil wizard, DomDaniel, who intends to finish off the entire royal line.

The Hunger Games Trilogy - Suzanne Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

- Mrs. Burke, Literacy – Grade 7

Al Capone Does My Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

***The Secret Blog of Raisin Rodriguez* – Judy Goldschmidt**

In a weblog she sends to her best friends back in Berkeley, seventh-grader Raisin Rodriguez chronicles her successes and her more frequent humiliating failures, as she attempts to make friends at her new Philadelphia school.

***A Day No Pigs Would Die* – Robert Newton Peck**

To a thirteen-year-old Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter.

Suggested Titles:

***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* - Jules Verne**

Jules Verne's classic is a science-fiction tale about a professor and his companions who are trapped aboard a futuristic submarine with a mad sea captain and come face to face with ocean creatures and strange sights.

***Maximum Ride Series* - James Patterson**

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

***The Diamond of Drury Lane* - Julia Golding**

Orphan Catherine "Cat" Royal, living at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, tries to find the "diamond" supposedly hidden in the theater, which unmasks a treasonous political cartoonist and involves her in the street gangs of Covent Garden and the world of nobility.

***The Printer's Devil* - Paul Bajoria**

After printing the "Wanted" posters for some of London's most notorious inhabitants, a printer's boy is entangled, by a genuine convict, in a series of mistaken identities and events leading back to the boy's own mysterious past.

***Run, Boy, Run* - Uri Orlev**

Read this true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.

***Savvy* - Ingrid Law**

Follow the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

- Ms. Flynn, Literacy – Grade 7

***The Graveyard Book* - Neil Gaiman**

As a child, the orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

***Stargirl* - Jerry Spinelli**

Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

- Miss MacGorman, BMS School Librarian

***SilverFin: Young Bond #1* - Charles Higson**

Young James Bond, a student at the Eton boarding school in the 1930s, travels to his aunt's Scotland estate for the Easter holidays where he becomes caught up in investigating the disappearance of a local boy, a crime allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination.

***Coraline* - Neil Gaiman**

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

***Tales of the Greek Heroes* - Roger Lancelyn Green**

For fans of Greek mythology, this collection retells nineteen heroic Greek myths, including the stories of Prometheus, Hercules, Theseus, Hermes and Apollo, the first fall of Troy, and the battle of the Giants.

***Lyddie* - Katherine Paterson**

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

***Treasure Island* - Robert Louis Stevenson**

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of an inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.