

## Gill St. Bernard's School's Middle School Summer Reading 2013

The purpose of summer reading at Gill St. Bernard's is to help promote a reading habit in our students. It is clear from the research that students who have developed an active reading habit do better on standardized tests including the SATs. It is also clear that students who learn to enjoy reading and do it on a regular basis are better prepared for the academic tasks they face day to day in school.

At each grade level, there are specific books that must be read prior to the start of the school year. While there are no written assignments to be completed during the summer, all grade levels will engage in various class activities and written assignments related to the required books during the opening month of school. In addition, students are expected to take the AR tests for all required and free choice books prior to the first day of school.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If a student has recently read any of the required readings, they must review the book before the start of school. All students must be prepared to participate in class activities and written assignments!

### Summer Reading Requirements:

#### Entering 5th grade:

1. Read the required book *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
2. Read a minimum of **two additional books**, which should be chosen from the suggested reading list below.
3. Keep a list of books read using the attached form.

#### Entering 6th grade:

1. Read the required book *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.
2. Read a minimum of **two additional books** which should be chosen from the suggested reading list below.
3. Keep a list of books read using the attached form.

#### Entering 7th grade:

1. Read the required books *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom.
2. Read a minimum of **two additional books** which should be chosen from the suggested reading list below.
3. Keep a list of books read using the attached form.

#### Entering 8th grade:

1. Read the required books *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles
2. Read a minimum of **two additional books**, which should be chosen from the suggested reading list below.
3. Keep a list of books read using the attached form.

## Suggested Reading List:

The following suggested reading list is offered as a guide to students and parents as an aid when choosing the additional books needed to meet the summer reading requirements described above. The list includes books of varying difficulty and maturity level in order to meet the needs of students in grades 5-8. This will allow students to find books which are appropriate matches for their reading level and/or personal interests. All of the books on this list can be reviewed and/or ordered on Amazon.com.

*39 Clues* by Gordon Korman  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie  
*A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck  
*A Wrinkle in Time* (series) by Madeleine L'Engle  
*Artemis Fowl* (series) by Eoin Colfer  
*Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Blind Side* by Michael Lewis  
*Blindsided* by Priscilla Cummings  
*The Book Thief* by M. Zusak  
*The Boy in Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink  
*The Calder Game* by Blue Balliett  
*Cheaper by the Dozen* by Frank Galbreath Jr.  
*Cleopatra's Moon* by Vicky Alvear Schecter  
*Coraline* by Neil Gaiman  
*Cracker, the Best Dog in Vietnam* by Cynthia Kodohata  
*The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown  
*The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen  
*Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos  
*Define Normal* by Julie Anne Peters  
*The Doll People* (series) by Ann M Martin  
*Eragon* (series) by Christopher Paolini  
*Evermore* by Alyson Noel  
*Everything for a Dog* by Ann M. Martin  
*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly  
*Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers  
*The Fast and the Furriest* by Andy Behrens  
*The Fault in our Stars* by John Green  
*Flipped* by Carl Hiaasen  
*Flush* by Carl Hiaasen  
*From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Koningsburg  
*Gatekeeper* (series) by Anthony Horowitz  
*The Golden Compass* (series) by Philip Pullman  
*Gone* (series) by Michael Grant  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (series) by J.K. Rowling  
*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett  
*Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe* by Douglas Adams  
*The Hobbit* (series) by JR Tolkien  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*Home of the Braves* by David Klass  
*Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt  
*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen  
*The Hunger Games* (series) by Suzanne Collins

*I am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore  
*I'll Be There* by Holly Goldberg Sloan  
*Inkheart* (series) by Cornelia Funke  
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
*Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton  
*Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata  
*Lion Boy* by Zizou Corder  
*Little House on the Prairie* (series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*The Looking Glass Wars* by Fran Beddor  
*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding  
*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Martyn Pig* by Kevin Brooks  
*Maximum Ride* (series) by James Patterson  
*Maze Runner* (series) by James Dashner  
*Midnight for Charlie Bone* (series) by Jenny Nimmo  
*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs  
*Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism* (series) by Georgia Byng  
*Mother-Daughter Book Club* (series) by Heather Vogel Frederick  
*Mr. Monday* (Keys to the Kingdom series) by Garth Nix  
*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society* (series) by Trent Lee Stewart  
*The Name of this Book is Secret* (series) by Pseudonymous Bosch  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  
*Partials* by Don Wells  
*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck  
*The Penderwicks* (series) by Jeanne Birdsall  
*The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger  
*Poppy* (series) by Avi  
*Pretty Little Liars* (series) by Sara Shepard  
*Ranger's Apprentice* (series) by John Flanagan  
*The Red Pyramid* (series) by Rick Riordan  
*The Report Card* by Andrew Clements  
*Scorpions* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Secret* (series) by Pseudonymous Bosch  
*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd  
*The Secret of the Old Clock* (Nancy Drew series) by Carolyn Keene  
*The Series of Unfortunate Events* (series) by Lemony Snicket  
*Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* (series) by Ann Bradshares  
*Small Steps* by Louis Sachar  
*Stormbreaker* (Alex Rider series) by Anthony Horowitz  
*The Summer I Learned to Fly* by Dan Reinhardt  
*The Tail of Emily Windsnap* (series) by Liz Kessler  
*The Thief Lord* by Corneilia Funk  
*Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements  
*Trapped* by Michael Northrup  
*Travel Team* by Michael Lupica  
*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi  
*Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom  
*Warrior* (series) by Erin Hunter  
*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin  
*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead  
*The White Giraffe* by Lauren St. John  
*You Don't Know Me* by David Klass



