

STRATH HAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL



7TH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

2010



WHOOO? LIKES TO READ






The following selections provide a variety of reading materials to meet needs and interests to develop your repertoire for fall course work.

- ◆ Choose one of the starred novels as a required reading. You will be asked to write a five paragraph essay when you return to school. It may be wise to keep a chapter summary which you can review in September.
- ◆ Please choose other books which are new to you. Design an eye-catching bumper sticker to advertise one book. Be ready to share this with your peers.
- ◆ Please document all readings in the attached log.

The bumper sticker and log are due the first Monday of school. The essay date will be announced when you return to school. Your library or bookstore should have these books available for you. Try reading aloud to a favorite adult or sibling.

REQUIRED READING

- ☆ **Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.
- ☆ **Or Give Me Death** by Ann Rinaldi
With their father away most of the time advocating independence for the American colonies, children of Patrick Henry try to raise themselves, manage the family plantation, and care for their mentally ill mother.
- ☆ **Peter and the Star Catchers** by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.
- ☆ **Chains** by Laurie Halse Anderson
After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the American Revolution.
- ☆ **Gods of Manhattan** by Scott Mebus
Thirteen-year-old Rory discovers a spirit world that thrives alongside his contemporary New York City, filled with fantastical creatures and people from the city's colorful past who have become gods and goddesses and who have chosen Rory to perform a dangerous mission.
- ☆ **Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin
The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

 Adventure  Biography  Classic  Fantasy  Historical Fiction

 Mystery  Realistic Fiction  Science Fiction  Sports  World Culture



Alphin, Elaine Marie **Ghost Soldier**

Alexander meets the ghost of a Confederate soldier and helps him look for his family.



Bell, Ted **Nick of Time**

Twelve-year-old Nick McIver tries to help his father and sister send vital information to England about imminent Nazi invasion, until he finds himself transported through time to help his ancestor stop a mutinous captain who is aiding the French fleet and endangering British sailors.



Blackwood, Gary L. **Shakespeare Stealer**

A young orphan is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.



Bruchac, Joseph **The Warriors**

Jake has left the reservation for Weltime Academy and enters a different world. Everyone there loves lacrosse, but no one understands it the way Jake does, as an Iroquois. And no one understands Jake either.



Bunce, Elizabeth C. **A Curse Dark As Gold**

Upon the death of her father, seventeen-year-old Charlotte struggles to keep the family's woolen mill running in the face of an overwhelming mortgage and what the local villagers believe is a curse, but when a man capable of spinning straw into gold appears on the scene she must decide if his help is worth the price.



Carbone, Elisa **Blood on the River**

Samuel journeys to the New World, serving as a page to Captain John Smith. Samuel's account of the voyage to Virginia, political intrigues, and the harrowing first winter of the James Town settlement brings to life figures like Smith, Powhatan, and Pocahontas.



Carbone, Elisa **Storm Warriors**

In 1895, after his mother's death, twelve-year-old Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina, where he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving station, despite his father's objections.



Card, Orson Scott **Ender's Game**

When aliens twice attack the earth and almost destroy the human race, the government prepares for the next encounter with "art of war" training games.



Choldenko, Gennifer **Al Capone Does My Shirts**

A funny and clever novel about a boy named Matthew (Moose) Flanagan who is living on Alcatraz Island with his family.



Clement-Davies, David **Sight**

In Transylvania during the Middle Ages, a pack of wolves sets out on a perilous journey to prevent their enemy from calling upon a legendary evil one that will give her the power to control all animals.



Collins, Suzanne **Hunger Games**

Sixteen-year-old Katniss is smart, athletic, and fast. She can take down a rabbit with a bow and arrow, hitting it straight through the eye. Will these skills be enough to survive the Hunger Games.



Cooper, Susan **King of Shadows**

Time travel takes a boy actor from a modern London stage back to the time of Shakespeare.



Curtis, Christopher Paul **Elijah of Buxton**

Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.



Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan **Hound of the Baskervilles**

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson travel to the bleak wastes of Dartmoor to solve the mystery that has haunted the Baskerville family for years.



DuPrau, Jeanne **People of Sparks**

Lina and Doon are thrilled to see their people join them above ground in the vibrant village of Sparks, but suspicion and prejudice soon turn the villagers and newcomers against each other.



Flanagan, John **Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger's Apprentice)**

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger. See others in the series



George, Jean Craighead **Frightful's Mountain**

As she grows through the first years of her life in the Catskill Mountains of New York, a peregrine falcon called Frightful interacts with various humans, including the boy who raised her, a falconer who rescues her, and several photographers.




Gordon, Roderick **Tunnels**

When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, who has inexplicably disappeared, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward "Topsoilers" like Will and his father.




Haarsma, P J **Softwire: Virus on Orbit 1**

After being orphaned on the seed ship "Renaissance", thirteen-year-old Johnny Turnbull and his sister, Ketheria, are forced to work on the Rings of Orbis, where Johnny learns he is the first human Softwire, with a gift to enter any computer via his mind.

 Hobbs, Will **The Maze**

a fourteen-year-old foster child, escapes from a juvenile detention facility near Las Vegas and travels to Canyonlands National Park in Utah where he meets a bird biologist working on a project to reintroduce condors to the wild.

 Horowitz, Anthony **Stormbreaker**

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6. See others in the series



Kehert, Peg **Small Steps**

The author describes her battle against polio when she was thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects.



Koss, Ann **The Girls**

When Maya is ostracized by her former friends, she is shocked and devastated in this story of teen peer pressure



Lupica, Mike **Big Field**

When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.



McKinty, Adrian **Lighthouse Land**

Shortly after moving with his mother from Harlem to Ireland, teen cancer survivor Jamie O'Neill discovers a portal in a lighthouse that brings him to a distant planet, where he helps a community of aliens fight against invading warriors.

Annotations courtesy of publishers; Amazon Books and Barnes and Noble.



Oppel, Kenneth **Airborn**

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

Also see **Skybreaker and Starclimber**



Schaekfer, Laura **The Tea Shop Girls**

Thirteen-year-old Annie is thrilled when her grandmother agrees her work as a barista at the Steeping Leaf, but as the shop faces possible eviction and Annie begins to drift away from her friends, she fears everything is changing and wonders what she will do if the tea shop closes



Scott, Michael **The Alchemist**

Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. Try the rest of series.



Shaara, Michael **Killer Angels**

This is a fictionalized account of the four bloodiest days of the Civil War- the Battle of Gettysburg.



Spinelli, Jerry **Star Girl**

Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule at Mica Area High School: don't stand out under any circumstances. Then Stargirl arrives at Mica High and everything changes- for Leo and for the entire school



Tolkien, J.R.R. **Fellowship of the Ring**

Frodo Baggins must travel across Middle Earth to destroy the Ring of Power. Tolkien continues his fantasy adventures from **The Hobbit**.



Yolen, Jane **Girl in a Cage**

As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, is captured by England's King Edward Longshanks and held in a cage on public display

Free Choice:

Author _____

Title _____

