

Summer Reading 2014

Dear Parents and Students,

The purposes of our summer reading program for MBJH students are to promote continuous reading habits, to encourage reading for pleasure, and to establish a springboard for class discussion in the fall. Our goal is to develop independent readers who will continue lifelong reading habits because they find personal value in reading and sharing good books. Recognizing the interest of parents in their children's reading development, we encourage parents to nurture that development and to make recommendations to their children throughout the year.

A list is attached if you need help in making selections, but your **choice** books do not have to come from the list.

Class discussions and assessments at the beginning of school will focus on the books you read, both the required ones and the choice ones. You must visit the Summer Reading Assignments Link on the MBJH school webpage for additional assignments for each book. You are responsible for bringing these assignments with you on the first day of class.

HAPPY READING! BOOKS MUST BE FINISHED BY THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL! REQUIRED SELECTIONS WERE MADE WITH CLASS INSTRUCTION IN MIND, SO NO SUBSTITUTIONS, PLEASE.

Sincerely yours,
MBJH English Teachers

8th Grade Advanced English Summer Reading 2014

REQUIRED:

Watership Down by Richard Adams. Take notes about the characters and write brief chapter summaries to help you with class discussions and the test on this book. It's not a book about rabbits; it's really a book about life. This book introduces one of our overarching themes, a hero's journey. Bring your book and notes to school on the first day.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson

Study questions to be completed as you read will be posted during the week of final exams; please check Mrs. Stephenson's website for a link to the questions.

CHOICE:

Choose at least one additional book to read over the summer. You may use the attached lists for suggestions, or you may choose a book on your own. Be sure to write down the title and author of the book that you read. Have your summer reading list ready to turn in on the first day of school. Please list everything you read this summer. I know that most of you read **more** than three books in a summer, so please list all of them!

Seventh and Eighth Grade Suggested Fiction

You may choose any fiction text for your choice book, provided it is grade-level appropriate. If you would like some book suggestions, you may refer to the list below. However, it is not mandatory that your choice comes from this list.

<i>At Home in Mitford</i>	Jan Karon
<i>Cheaper By the Dozen</i>	Frank Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth ...
<i>Downriver</i>	Will Hobbs
<i>Ender's Game</i>	Orson Scott Card
<i>Eragon</i>	Christopher Paolini
<i>Fallen Angels</i>	Walter Dean Myers
<i>Five People You Meet in Heaven</i>	Mitch Albom
<i>Flipped</i>	Wendelin Van Draanen
<i>Gathering Blue</i>	Lois Lowry
<i>Heat</i>	Mike Lupica
<i>Homecoming</i>	Cynthia Voigt
<i>Hope Was Here</i>	Joan Bauer
<i>Inkheart</i>	Cornelia Funke
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Bronte
<i>Little Women</i>	Louisa May Alcott
<i>Murder on a Bad Hair Day</i>	Anne George
<i>Nine Coaches Waiting</i>	Mary Stewart
<i>No More Dead Dogs</i>	Gordon Korman
<i>Redwall series</i>	Brian Jacques
<i>Silver</i>	Norma Fox Mazer
<i>Stargirl</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i>	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain
<i>The Contender</i>	Robert Lipsyte
<i>The Dark Is Rising</i>	Susan Cooper
<i>The Hero and the Crown</i>	Robin McKinley
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J. R. R. Tolkien
<i>The Last of the Breed</i>	Louis L'Amour
<i>The Thief Lord</i>	Cornelia Funke
<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>	Avi
<i>The Unlikely Romance of Kate Bjorkman</i>	Louise Plummer
<i>Uglies</i>	Scott Westerfield
<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	Sharon Creech

Seventh and Eighth Grade Suggested Nonfiction

You may choose any nonfiction text for your choice book, provided it is grade-level appropriate. If you would like some book suggestions, you may refer to the list below. However, it is not mandatory that your choice comes from this list.

<i>Another Season</i>	Gene Stallings
<i>Boy</i>	Roald Dahl
<i>Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edward and John W. Booth</i>	James Cross
<i>In These Girls, Hope Is a Muscle</i>	Madeleine Blais
<i>It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life</i>	Lance Armstrong
<i>Joe and Me: An Education in Fishing and Friendship</i>	Joe Prosek
<i>Joni</i>	Joni Eareckson Tada
<i>Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, the Law That Changed...</i>	Karen Blumenthal
<i>Marley and Me</i>	
<i>My Life in Dog Years</i>	Gary Paulsen
<i>My Sergei: A Love Story</i>	Ekaterina Gordeeva
<i>Night</i>	Elie Weisel
<i>Reach for the Summit</i>	Pat Summit
<i>Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board</i>	Bethany Hamilton
<i>The Fire Tower: Alabama Turkey Hunting</i>	Bob Henderson, Jr.
<i>The Greatest Generation</i>	Tom Brokaw
<i>The Hiding Place</i>	Corrie Ten Boom
<i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i>	Mitch Albom
<i>Walk Across America</i>	Peter Jenkins
<i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>	Melba Patillo Beale