

The Summit Country Day School
Middle School
Summer Reading 2008

*“For one who reads, there is no limit to
the number of lives that may be lived.”*
—Louis L’Amour

The Summit recommends that students entering grades five through eighth read at least two to four books from our Summer Reading list. Incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are also responsible for the following required reading:

Entering grade six: *The House on the Gulf*, by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Entering grade seven: *The House of Scorpion*, by Nancy Farmer

Entering grade eight: *Summer of My German Soldier*, by Bette Greene

Recommendations for Grades 5 and 6

Storm Breaker (and sequels), by Anthony Horowitz
Artemis Fowl series, by Eoin Colfer
Beauty, by Robin McKinley
Becoming Naomi Leon, by Pam Munoz Ryan
Beware, Princess Elizabeth, by Carolyn Meyer
Blue Djinn of Babylon, by P.B. Kerr
Blue Fingers, by Cheryl Aylward Whitesel
The Boy Who Saved Baseball, by John Ritter
Children of the Lamp, by P.B. Kerr
Chronicles of Narnia, by C.S. Lewis
Conch Bearer, by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
Coraline, by Neil Gaiman
A Corner of the Universe, by Anne Martin
Demon in the Teahouse, by Dorothy Hoobler
Doctor Illuminatus, by Martin Booth
Dragon Rider, by Cornelia Funke
The Education of Patience Goodspeed, by Heather Vogel Frederick
Gathering Blue, by Lois Lowry
The Ghost of the Tokaido Inn, by D. Hoobler
Gideon’s People, by Carolyn Meyer
Gifts, by Ursula K. LeGuin
The Girl in a Cage, by Jane Yolen and R. J. Harris
Gregor the Overlander (and sequels), by Suzanne Collins
Healer’s Keep, by Victoria Hanley
Hollow Kingdom, by Clare B. Dunkle
Homeless Bird, by Gloria Whelan
Hostage, by Willo Davis Roberts
Inkheart, by Cornelia Funke

Into the Wild (Warriors series), by Erin Hunter
Iqbal, by Francesco D’Adamo
Jacob Have I Loved, by Katherine Paterson
The Kingdom Keepers, by Ridley Pearson
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy, by Gary D. Schmidt
Mable Riley, by Marthe Jocelyn
Magyk (and sequels), by Angie Sage
Messenger, by Lois Lowry
Midnight Magic, by Avi
Milkweed, by Jerry Spinelli
The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming, by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
Mister Monday (and sequels), by Garth Nix
North, by Donna Jo Napoli
Nothing but the Truth, by Avi
Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry
Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place, by E.L. Konigsburg
Peter and the Starcatchers, by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Prince Across the Water, by Jane Yolen
Puppeteer’s Apprentice, by D. Anne Love
The Ravenmaster’s Secret, by Elvira Woodruff
The Riddles of Epsilon, by C. Morton-Shaw
The Rope Trick, by Lloyd Alexander
Rose Daughter, by Robin McKinley
Same Stuff as Stars, by Katherine Paterson
The Schwa Was Here, by Neal Shusterman
Sea of Trolls, by Nancy Farmer
The Secret of Castle Cant, by K.P. Bath
The Seer and the Sword, by Victoria Hanley
The Seven Songs of Merlin, by T.A. Barron

Shiva's Fire, by Suzanne Staples
The Singer of All Songs, by Kate Constable
Small Steps, by Louis Sachar
So B It : a Novel, by Sarah Weeks
Spellfall, by Katherine Roberts
Spindle's End, by Robin McKinley
The Star of Kazan, by Eva Ibbotson
Sweet Miss Honeywell's Revenge, by K. Reiss
Thief Lord, by Cornelia Funke
Things Not Seen, by Andrew Clements
Travel Team, by Mike Lupica
The Truth about Sparrows, by Marian Hale
When My Name was Keoko, by L.S. Park
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town, by Kimberly Willis Holt
Witch of Blackbird Pond, by Elizabeth George Speare
Witness, by Karen Hesse

Recommendations for Grades 7 and 8

Abarat, by Clive Barker
Alosha, by Christopher Pike
The Amulet of Samarkand, by Jonathan Stroud
B Is for Buster, by Iain Lawrence
Beau Geste, by Percival Christopher Wren
Bless the Beasts and Children, by Glendon Swarthout
The Body in the Library, by Agatha Christie
Cheaper By the Dozen, by Frank and Ernestine Gilbreath
Collected Fairy Tales, by the Brothers Grimm
Daddy Long Legs, by Jean Webster
Dark Lord of Derkholm, by D. Wynne Jones
Dark Side of Nowhere, by Neal Shusterman
East, by Edith Pattou
El Bronx Remembered, by Nicholoso Mohr
Eragon, by Christopher Paolini
Friendly Persuasion, by Jessamyn West

The Golden Compass, by Philip Pullman
The Golem's Eye, by Jonathan Stroud
Gone With the Wind, by Margaret Mitchell
Good Morning, Miss Dove, by Francis Gray Patton
Goodbye, Mr. Chips, by James Hilton
The Hound of the Baskervilles, by Arthur Conan Doyle
The House of the Scorpion, by Nancy Farmer
How Green Was My Valley, by Richard Llewellyn
The Invisible Man, by H.G. Wells
Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte
Last Shot, by John Feinstein
Lightning Thief (and sequels), by Rick Riordan
Little Women, by Louisa May Alcott
The Maltese Falcon, by Dashell Hammett
Mama's Bank Account, by Katherine Forbes
Martian Chronicles, by Ray Bradbury
Men of Iron, by Howard Pyle
Monster, by William Dean Myers
Mrs. Mike, by Benedict and Nancy Freedman
My Name is Aram, by William Saroyan
Mythology, by Edith Hamilton
The Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway
The Outsiders, by S. E. Hinton
The Pearl, by John Steinbeck
The Prince and the Pauper, by Mark Twain
Sabriel (and sequels), by Garth Nix
Saving Francesca, by Melina Marchetta
The Seeing Stone, by Kevin Crossley-Holland
Shane, by Jack Schaefer
Son of the Mob, by Gordon Korman
Stranger With My Face, by Lois Duncan
Sword of the Rightful King, by Jane Yolen
The Sword in the Stone, by T.H. White
That Was Then, This Is Now, by S.E. Hinton
The Time Machine, by H.G. Wells
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith