

## Some Possible Titles for Summer Reading for Middle School English

During the summer, we encourage our students to take some leisure time to enjoy reading. Attached is a list of books which we strongly encourage our students to read. The list includes books from the Virginia Readers program and books recognized by our faculty and various literary journals as meaningful reading for students of middle school age.

When school begins, English teachers will give students time to reflect on their summer reading through discussion and brief writing assignments. Books are available in the schools, at public libraries, and at local bookstores. Although we are recommending the titles, authors, and series listed below, students are welcome to read other titles. Additionally, we also encourage students to supplement their reading with newspapers and magazines.

### Virginia Readers Choice 2004-2005

<i>Halfway to the Sky</i>	Kimberly B. Bradley
<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>	Patricia Reilly Giff
<i>Hush</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
<i>Dancing in Cadillac Light</i>	Kimberly Willis Holt
<i>Charlotte's Rose</i>	A.E. Canon
<i>We Rode the Orphan Trains</i>	Andrew Warren
<i>Loser</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>Surviving the Applewhites</i>	Stephanie Tolan
<i>Midnight for Charlie Bone</i>	Jenny Nimmo
<i>Hitler's Daughter</i>	Jacki French

<i>The Teacher's Funeral</i>	Richard Peck
<i>Worth</i>	A. LaFaye
<i>The Outcasts of Schuylar Place</i>	E.L. Konigsburg

### Virginia Readers Choice 2007-2008

<i>Blood on the River: James Town 1607</i>	Elisa Carbone
<i>Code Talker</i>	Joseph Bruchac
<i>Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue</i>	Julius Lester
<i>Free Baseball</i>	Sue Corbett
<i>Ghost Girl: A Blue Ridge Mountain Story</i>	Delia Ray
<i>Lightning Thief</i>	Riordan, Rick
<i>Lizzie Bright &amp; the Buckminster Boy</i>	Gary D. Schmidt
<i>Sacrifice</i>	Kathleen Benner Duple
<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>	Elise Broach
<i>Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time</i>	Lisa Yee

### Virginia Readers Choice 2005-2006

<i>Eragon</i>	Christopher Paolini
<i>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</i>	Sharon Creech
<i>A Mango-Shaped Space</i>	Wendy Mass
<i>Milkweed</i>	Jerry Spinelli
<i>Olive's Ocean</i>	Kevin Henkes
<i>Riding the Flume</i>	Patricia Curtis Pfitsch
<i>River Between Us</i>	Richard Peck
<i>So B. It</i>	Sarah Weeks
<i>Wish List</i>	Eoin Colfer
<i>The Young Man and the Sea</i>	Rodman Philbrick

### Recommended authors:

Sharon Draper  
Sharon Flake  
Carl Hiaasen  
Lois Lowry  
Walter Dean Myers  
Jerry Spinelli

### Virginia Readers Choice 2006-2007

<i>Becoming Naomi</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>	Gennifer Choldenko
<i>Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale</i>	Cheryl Whitesel
<i>Chasing Vermeer</i>	Blue Balliett
<i>Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery</i>	John Feinstein
<i>The Sea of Trolls</i>	Nancy Farmer
<i>The Trial</i>	Jennifer Bryant

### Recommended Series:

<i>Redwall</i>	Brian Jacques
<i>Traveling Pants</i>	Ann Brashers
<i>Beacon Street</i>	Annie Bryant
<i>A Series of Unfortunate Events</i>	Lemony Snicket

**Parents: Please fill out the bottom of this form and send with your child on the first day of school.**

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I am aware of my child's summer reading choice, and I approve its content and level of difficulty.

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_