

Middle School (Entering grades 6-8) Summer Reading List

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Overview: Prince Avenue Middle School Summer Reading Program

Philosophy:

The PACS reading program is designed to promote the love of reading while maintaining or advancing the student's current reading level and cognitive skills. Assignments are meant to be academic in nature, developmentally appropriate, student-manageable and "stress free."

Book lists:

Book lists are provided as a compilation of engaging and well-written stories that represent a variety of genres. Many of the selections complement the PACS history curriculum. While we endeavor to choose books that are representative of appropriate content, age level, and maturity, teachers recommend each family research the suggested selections. You may find sites such as www.squeakycleanreviews.com, www.commonsensemedia.org, or www.thrivingfamily.com helpful as you discern the best publication for your student.

Assignments:

Assignments are based on the revised version of Bloom's taxonomy called *A Taxonomy for Learning, Teaching, and Assessing,* a classification system used to define and distinguish different levels of human cognition; this revised version classifies cognitive skills as *Remembering, Understanding, Applying, Analyzing, Evaluating,* and *Creating,* in that order. One way PACS addresses the development of increased cognitive skills is through written expression. Beginning in third grade, students are assigned a writing component through which they demonstrate understanding and analysis of the text.

Grade- specific objectives:

Grades 1 & 2 (remembering and understanding)

In 1st and 2nd grades, students are required to read at least twenty books over the summer break. The goal for these students is to read frequently, thus increasing familiarity with words and increasing comprehension skills. The goal of the summer reading program for first and second graders is to maintain or increase the student's end-of-year reading level. Students and parents will complete a chart in which they record at least twenty books from the school list.

Grade 3 (applying)

By 3rd grade, students have mastered basic reading skills and can read independently. These students have also become more proficient in writing skills, and that proficiency is demonstrated in the summer reading assessment. Third grade students will read two books and produce a four sentence response to the books of their choice.

Grades 4-5 (applying and analyzing)

In 4th and 5th grades, students again choose two books to read, and a writing response is required. As students mature as readers and writers, the paragraph requirement increases in complexity as students are asked to summarize and evaluate a book's content.

Grades 6-8 (analyzing, evaluating, and creating)

As students transition from elementary school to middle school, they read increasingly difficult texts and begin to analyze those texts through personal connections and relationships. Students recognize important textual passages and articulate connections as they quote texts then choose a response based on given prompts such as "This character reminds me of..." or "I agree with this character's decision because..." Many middle school texts complement the history curriculum.

ENTERING 6TH GRADE READING LIST

Parents: Below you will find a list of engaging and well-written stories that represent a variety of genres. Your student should choose one novel from the list below. While we endeavor to choose books that are representative of appropriate content, age level, and maturity, we recommend each family research the suggested selections. You may find sites such as www.squeakycleanreviews.com, www.commonsensemedia.org, or www.thrivingfamily.com helpful as you discern the best publication for your student.

Assignment: Each student should read <u>one</u> required book and complete a reading journal, due Thursday, August 11, 2022 (periods 3-8) or Friday, August 12, 2022 (periods 1-2). Directions regarding the reading journal can be found on the next page.

Fever, 1793

Crispin: The Cross of Lead

Twenty and Ten

Katie Watson and the Painter's Plot

The Martian Chronicles The Secret Garden Max and Liz series Door in the Wall

The Wheel on the School

Candy Bombers

Hitty: Her First Hundred Years

Calico Bush
Understood Betsy
Dragon Slippers
Adam of the Road
The House of Dies Drear
MC Higgins the Great
A Father's Promise
A Murder for Her Majesty

Alex Rider series

Marlfox or Redwall series The Second Mrs. Giaconda The Tales of Uncle Remus A Snicker of Magic

The Princess and Curdie

Rascal

The Black Pearl

Streams to the Rivers, Rivers to the Sea

Island of the Blue Dolphins

My Friend Flicka The Light in the Forest The Bark of Bog Owl Esperanza Rising

Holes

Invention of Hugo Cabret Miracles on Maple Hill The Bronze Bow Calico Captive

Freedom Train

The Mysterious Benedict Society series

Wings of Fire series

Joni: An Unforgettable Story Amos Fortune, Free Man Loot: How to Steal a Fortune Anderson, Laurie

Avi

Bishop, Claire Huchet

Blume, Mez (Mary Elizabeth)

Bradbury, Ray Burnett, Francis Cote, Jenny

De Angeli, Marguerite De Jong, Meindert Elmer, Robert Field, Rachel Field, Rachel

Fisher, Dorothy Canfield

George, J.D.
Gray, Elizabeth
Hamilton, Virginia
Hamilton, Virginia
Hess, Donna Lynn
Hilgartner, Beth
Horowitz, Anthony
Jacques, Brian
Konigsburg, E. L.
Lester, Julius
Lloyd, Natalie

Lloyd, Natalie MacDonald, George North, Sterling O'Dell, Scott O'Dell, Scott O'Dell, Scott O'Hara, Mary Richter, Conrad Rogers, Jonathan Ryan, Pam Munoz Sachar, Louis Selznick, Brian Sorensen, Virginia Speare, Elizabeth Speare, Elizabeth Sterling, Dorothy Stewart, Trenton Lee

Stewart, Trenton Lee Sutherland, Tui T Tada, Joni Eareckson Yates, Elizabeth Watson, Jude

ENTERING 6TH GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

During the seventy-two days of summer break, rising sixth grade students will read one (1) book of their choice from the 6th grade reading list. **This should be a book not previously read.** Students will produce a written response as described below, which will count as a test grade. Please submit the written portion of the assessment to your language arts teacher Thursday, August 11, 2022 (periods 2-8) or Friday, August 12, 2022 (periods 1-2).

This assignment should be typed Instructions:

- 1. Read the book of your choosing from the 6^{TH} grade book list.
- 2. Divide your novel into four (4) equal sections. Choose one meaningful passage from each of the 4 sections of your novel; quote it and write the page number of the passage.

(E.g.: Your book has 240 pages ... 240/4= 60. This example shows you should write a response every 60 pages.)

- 3. Next, use one response below to give your personal insight (NOT a summary) for each of the four passages. Provide a word count at the end. (Use the following examples only once so that you have a variety of four responses.)
 - a. This passage is important because...
 - b. This passage reveals the character's...
 - c. This passage fits with the book as a whole since...
 - d. Christians can relate to this quote because...
 - e. This excerpt makes me feel (angry/sympathetic/confused etc.) because...
 - f. This character reminds me of...
 - g. This character exhibits the quality of courage (honesty, etc.) ...
 - h. The point the author wants to make here is...
 - i. I have felt the same emotions as this character when...
 - j. The author uses the literary device of (imagery/symbolism/theme etc.)...
 - k. This setting is significant because...
 - 1. I agree/disagree with this character's decision because...
 - m. This is exciting /boring because...
 - n. The author does a good/bad job of...

Each commentary should be no less than 50 words in length. You should have a total of four entries.

4. Include a cover page with your name, the book's title, the book's author, and the book's total page count.

Example:

Passage 1

"Fire swamps are, of course, entirely misnamed...Simply, there are swamps which contain a large percentage of sulfur and other gas bubbles that burst continually into flame. They are covered with lush giant trees that shadow the ground, making the flame bursts seems particularly dramatic. Because they are dark, they are almost always quite moist, thereby attracting the standard insect and alligator community that prefers a moist climate" (page 199).

Response:

The author uses imagery in this passage as he describes the fire swamps. The writing is so powerful that I could see in my mind a huge, dark swamp like something out of a fairy tale, only with jets of flames popping up. The author describes the swamps and why they were such a terror to Florin and Guilder, showing there is more than just fire—there are scary creatures there, too. (73 words)

6TH Grade Summer Reading Journal Rubric Student

Category	Exemplary	Accomplished	Developing	Beginning	Your Score
	25	22	18	15	
QUOTES/TEXT	Meaningful	Less detailed, but	Few significant	Hardly any	
	passage	significant quotes	details from	significant	
	selections.	OR	the text	details from	
CITATION OF		missing no more	OR	the text OR	
QUOTE		than 1-3 of 8	missing no	missing no	
(including page	Quote marks and	quotation marks	more than 4-5	more than 6-8	
number)	page numbers	and page	of 8 quotation	quotation	
	are provided for	numbers	marks and	marks and	
	ALL 4 citations		page numbers	page numbers	
RESPONSE					
VARIETY	Includes a variety	Includes some	Little variety	Comments are	
	of unique	variety of	of comments	limited to the	
	comments about	comments (3	(2 from list)	same	
	passages	from list)		response	
	(4 from list)				
RESPONSES (#)	4 responses	4 responses, but	2-3	1 response	
	No paraphrasing	1 is a summary	responses;		
	or summary	response	summary in		
			nature		
WORD COUNT	Word count	Word count (50+)	Word count	Word count	
WORD COOK!	(50+) included	on	(50+) on	on 1 or less	
	for each	3 responses	2 responses	response	
	response	3 · 35p 3 · · · · · · · · · ·		. 335 333	
COVER PAGE	. 33501136	OR	OR	OR	
	AND	Missing one cover	Missing 2	No cover	
	Student name,	item	cover items		
	book title,				
	author, page				
	count				

Rubric Score	(-1 pt for each grammar/spelling mistake)=
Final Grade:	

ENTERING 7TH GRADE READING LIST

Parents: Below you will find a list of engaging and well-written stories that represent a variety of genres. Your student should choose one novel from the list below. While we endeavor to choose books that are representative of appropriate content, age level, and maturity, we recommend each family research the suggested selections. You may find sites such as www.squeakycleanreviews.com, www.commonsensemedia.org, or www.thrivingfamily.com helpful as you discern the best publication for your student.

Assignment: Each student should read **one** required book and complete a reading journal, due Thursday, August 11, 2022 (periods 3-8) or Friday, August 12, 2022 (periods 1-2). Directions regarding the reading journal can be found on the next page.

Watership Down

The Prydain Chronicles series Wolves of Willoughby Chase

Before We Were Free The Kingdom series

Knights of Arrethtrae series

A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal

The Incredible Journey
My Brother Sam is Dead

Bud, Not Buddy

Catherine, Called Birdy

The Chosen

Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille

The Double Life of Pocahontas

Dragon Rider The Miracle Worker Found/ Caught/Sent

Olive's Ocean Beardance The Goose Girl Redwall series

Mark of the Dragonfly

Cracker! Best Dog in Vietnam

The Jungle Book

The View from Saturday

Onion John

Hana's Suitcase: A True Story

Gathering Blue Homer Price The Golden Goblet

Mara, Daughter of the Nile

The Spy Who Came in From The Sea The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day

Hatchet The River Eragon

Wingfeather series Revenge of the Whale Under the Blood Sun Five Ancestors series The Time Machine Dragonwings Adams, Richard Alexander, Lloyd Aiken, Joan Alvarez, Julia Black, Chuck Black, Chuck Blos, Joan

Burnford, Sheila Collier, James Curtis, Christopher Cushman, Karen Dekker, Ted Freedman, Russell

Fritz, Jean Funke, Cornelia Gibson, William

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Henkes, Kevin Hobbs, Will Hale, Shannon Jacques, Brian Johnson, Jaleigh Kadohata, Cynthia Kipling, Rudyard Konigsburg, E. L. Krumgold, Joseph Levine, Karen Lowry, Lois

McCloskey, Robert

McGraw, Eloise McGraw, Eloise Nolan, Peggy O'Dell, Scott Paulsen, Gary Paulsen, Gary Paolini, Christopher Peterson, Andrew Philbrick, Nathaniel Sailsbury, Graham

Stone, Jeff Wells, H.G. Yep, Laurence

ENTERING 7TH GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

During the seventy-two days of summer break, rising seventh grade students will read one (1) book of their choice from the 7th grade reading list. **This should be a book not previously read.** Students will produce a written response as described below, which will count as a test grade. Please submit the written portion of the assessment to your language arts teacher Thursday, August 11, 2022 (periods 3-8) or Friday, August 12, 2022 (periods 1-2).

This assignment must be TYPED!

Instructions:

- 1. Read the book of your choosing from the 7TH grade book list.
- 2. Divide your novel into five (5) equal sections. Choose one meaningful passage from each of the 5 sections of your novel; quote it and write the page number of the passage.

(E.g.: Your book has 250 pages ... 250/5= 50. This example shows you should write a response every 50 pages.)

- 3. Next, use one response below to give your personal insight (NOT a summary) for each of the five passages. Provide a word count at the end. (Use the following examples only once so that you have a variety of five responses.)
 - a. This passage is important because...
 - b. This passage reveals the character's...
 - c. This passage fits with the book as a whole since...
 - d. Christians can relate to this quote because...
 - e. This excerpt makes me feel (angry/sympathetic/confused etc.) because...
 - f. This character reminds me of...
 - g. This character exhibits the quality of courage (honesty, etc.) ...
 - h. The point the author wants to make here is...
 - i. I have felt the same emotions as this character when...
 - j. The author uses the literary device of (imagery/symbolism/theme etc.)...
 - k. This setting is significant because...
 - 1. I agree/disagree with this character's decision because...
 - m. This is exciting /boring because...
 - n. The author does a good/bad job of...

Each commentary should be no less than 50 words in length. You should have a total of <u>five</u> entries.

4. Include a cover page with your name, the book's title, the book's author, and the book's total page count.

Example:

Passage 1

"Fire swamps are, of course, entirely misnamed...Simply, there are swamps which contain a large percentage of sulfur and other gas bubbles that burst continually into flame. They are covered with lush giant trees that shadow the ground, making the flame bursts seems particularly dramatic. Because they are dark, they are almost always quite moist, thereby attracting the standard insect and alligator community that prefers a moist climate" (199).

Response:

The author uses imagery in this passage as he describes the fire swamps. The writing is so powerful that I could see in my mind a huge, dark swamp like something out of a fairy tale, only with jets of flames popping up. The author describes the swamps and why they were such a terror to Florin and Guilder, showing there is more than just fire—there are scary creatures there, too. (73 words)

7th Grade Summer Reading Journal Rubric Student

Category	Exemplary 25	Accomplished 22	Developing 18	Beginning 15	Your Score
QUOTES/TEXT	Meaningful passage	Less detailed, but significant quotes OR	Few significant details from	Hardly any significant	
CITATION OF QUOTE	selections.	missing no more than 1-3 of 10	the text OR missing no	details from the text OR missing no	
(including page number)	Quote marks and page numbers are provided for ALL 5 citations	quotation marks and page numbers	more than 4-6 of 10 quotation marks and page numbers	more than 7-9 quotation marks and page numbers	
RESPONSE VARIETY	Includes a variety of unique comments about passages (5 from list)	Includes some variety of comments (4 from list)	Little variety of comments (3 from list)	Comments are limited to the same response	
RESPONSES (#)	5 responses No paraphrasing or summary	5 responses, but 1 is a summary response	2 responses are summary	3 responses are summary	
WORD COUNT	Word count (50+) included for each response	Word count (50+) on 4 responses	Word count (50+) on 3 responses	Word count on 2 or fewer responses	
COVER PAGE	AND Student name, book title, author, page count	OR Missing one cover item	OR Missing 2 cover items	OR No cover	

Rubric Score	_ (-1 pt for each grammar/spelling mistake)=

Final Grade: _____

ENTERING 8TH GRADE READING LIST (CP and Honors)

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Assignment: Each student should read **one** required book and complete a reading journal, due Thursday, August 11, 2022 (periods 3-8) or Friday, August 12, 2022 (periods 1-2). Directions regarding the reading journal can be found below.

Peter Pan

A Little Princess

Cold Sassy Tree

The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party

Ender's Game

The Red Badge of Courage Gregor the Overlander The Dark is Rising series

Mark Twain Walk Two Moons

Sherlock Holmes Mysteries Summer of My German Soldier

Hoot

Clara Barton The Dark Frigate

Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)

Across Five Aprils No Promises in the Wind The Witchcraft of Salem Village

Trumpeter of Krakow The Story of My Life Young Sherlock Holmes When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

To Be A Slave White Fang

A Night to Remember A Young Patriot Sarah Bishop

Hangman's Curse or Nightmare Academy

Harriet Tubman: Conductor...

Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg

The Yearling

The Lightening Thief

Stargirl

Chasing Lincoln's Killer Let the Circle be Unbroken Air Raid-Pearl Harbor The Fellowship of the Ring

Dicey's Song Homecoming

Night

The Once and Future King Swiss Family Robinson Barrie, J.M.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

Burns, Olive Ann Calabro, Marian Card, Orson Scott Crane, Stephen Collins, Suzanne Cooper, Susan Cox, Clinton Creech, Sharon Doyle, Arthur Greene, Bette Haasen, Carl Hamilton, Leni Hawes, Charles

Horowitz, Anthony Hunt, Irene Hunt, Irene Jackson, Shirley Kelly, Eric Keller, Helen Lane, Andy Kerr, Judith Lester, Julius London, Jack Lord, Walter

Murphy, Jim O'Dell, Scott Peretti, Frank Petry, Ann

Philbrick, Rodman Rawlings, Marjorie Riordan, Rick Spinelli, Jerry Swanson, James Taylor, Mildred Taylor, Theodore Tolkien, J.R.R. Voigt, Cynthia Voigt, Cynthia Elie Wiesel White, T.H.

Wyss, Johann

8th grade English (CP and Honors) Dialectical Journal Assignment

Your summer reading journal is a written conversation with yourself about a piece of literature that encourages the habit of literary reflection and analysis. You will use a double-entry format to examine details of a passage and illustrate your understanding of the text. Students will produce a written response as described below, which will count as a test grade

In this process, there is to be NO collaboration with other students. Any assistance from the internet, movies, or secondary sources such as Sparknotes, Cliff Notes, or Wikipedia will be viewed as cheating. **These journals are due Thursday, August 11, 2022 (periods 3-8) or Friday, August 12, 2022 (periods 1-2).**Instructions:

- 1. <u>Create</u> a computerized response journal (see example on the next page)
- 2. Write the number of pages in your novel here_____. (Round up or down to the tenth's place.)
- 3. Divide your novel into eight (8) equal sections and write a response for every section. (E.g.: 400 pages ... 400/8= 50. This example shows you should write a response every 50 pages.)
- 4. Create a vertical line down the middle of the page
- 5. Label the left column TEXT and the right column RESPONSE
- 6. In the TEXT column, copy passages word for word from the novel, including quotations marks and page numbers; you should have EIGHT.
- 7. How do you choose what passages to write down? Passages become important if they cause you to react, connect, predict, or reflect. Passage are also important when they cause you to identify characterization, theme, mood, or literary device.
- 8. In the RESPONSE column, write about the passages. DO NOT MERELY SUMMARIZE THE PLOT OR RESTATE THE PASSAGE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.
- 9. Label your response with one of the letters below (RE, CO, P, RF, CH, T, M, LD). You may use responses a-g ONCE; you may use literary devices (see list on other page) more than once.
 - a. (Reaction) RE= Describe what the passage makes you think or how it makes you feel and why.
 - b. (Connection) CO= Make connections to other places in the novel or to your life, or to the world, or another story that you have read.
 - c. (Prediction) P= Anticipate what will occur based on what is in the passage.
 - d. (Reflect) RF= Think deeply about what the passage means in a broad sense not just to the characters in the story. What conclusions can you draw about the world, about human nature, or just about the way things are?
 - e. (Characterization-) CH= Analyze details or dialogue uses to show you aspects of the identities of the characters.
 - f. (Theme) T= Determine the passage contributes to the author's overall message or messages about some aspect or aspects of life.
 - g. (Mood) M= Determine the way the passage establishes the mood or tone of a scene and explain how that might be important.
 - h. (Literary Device) LD= Analyze the author's writing using literary terms (see list of possibilities on the next page)
- 10. Each RESPONSE <u>must be at least 50 words</u> (include word count at the end of each response. First person writing (using the pronoun "I") is acceptable in the RESPONSE column

IMPORTANT: It is important to always explain why you think something or like something or don't understand something.

Sample Journal Entry

TEXT	RESPONSE
"The puddle had frozen over, and me and Cathy went	(LD-dialect) In this first paragraph of the story,
stompin in it.The twins from next door, Tyrone and	Bambara indirectly characterizes the narrator
Terry, were swingin so high out of sight we forgot we	by using rural Southern dialect to let us know
were waitin our turn on the tire. Cathy jumped up and	that the story is set in the South. The narrator's
came down hardon her heels and started tap dancin.	use of improper grammar lets us know she is
And the frozen patch splinterin every which way	not highly educated. We also learn from the
underneath kinda spooky. Looks like a plastic spider	activities the author describes that the
web,' she said. 'A sort of weird spider, I guess, with	characters are children. (57- words)
many mental problems" (35).	
	NOTE word count; NOTE labeling of response
NOTE the quotation marks, punctuation, and MLA	type
format	

Literary Devices you can use for responses

Alliteration Dialect Plot: exposition, climax, resolution

Fiction Flashback Point of view (1st, 3rd, limited, omniscient)

Allusion Foreshadowing Protagonist Antagonist Hyperbole Repetition Autobiography Imagery Setting Simile Biography Irony Characterization Metaphor Suspense -static, flat, etc. Mood Symbol

-direct, indirect Personification

Conflict

Review of Requirements:

On the <u>COVER</u> of your response:
Write your name; title of book and author; page count for entire book
TEXT side of journal:
You have eight excerpts from eight evenly spaced sections of the novel
You have quoted and used quotation marks (watch placement of marks)
Your citation has a page number and is according to MLA standards (see example)
RESPONSE side of journal:
You have eight responses
You have a variety of responses; they are labeled (RE, CO, P, RF, CH, T, M, LD).
Each response has word count; each must be at least 50 words.

8TH Grade Summer Reading Journal Rubric

Category	Exemplary 25	Accomplished 22	Developing 18	Beginning 15	Your Score
TEXT QUOTES and RESPONSES (#)	8 Text Quotes and 8 Responses	15 Quotes and Responses (missing 1 of either)	14 Quotes and Responses (missing 2 of either)	13 or less total Quotes and Responses (missing 3 of either)	
RESPONSE VARIETY (Literary devices can be identified and used more than once)	Includes a variety of unique comments about passages (8 from list) AND ALL responses are labeled (a-h)	Includes some variety of comments (7 from list) OR 8 responses are labeled (a-h)	Little variety of comments (6 from list) OR 6 responses are labeled (a-h)	Comments are limited to mostly the same response OR Responses are not labeled	
Correct CITATIONS OF QUOTES (including page number)	Meaningful passage selections. Quote marks and page numbers are provided for ALL 8 citations (16)	Less detailed, but significant quotes OR missing no more than 1 quotation marks and page numbers (15 correct)	Few significant details from the text OR missing no more than 2 quotation marks and page numbers (14 correct)	Hardly any significant details from the text OR missing no more than 3 quotation marks and page numbers (13 correct)	
WORD COUNT	Word count (50+) included for 8 responses	Word count (50+) on at least 7 responses	Word count (50+) on at least 6 responses	Word count on at least 5 or less response	
COVER PAGE	AND Student name, book title, author, page count	OR Missing one cover item	OR Missing 2 cover items	OR No cover	

Rubric Score	(-1 pt for	each grammar/	spelling mistake) =
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