

The Summit Country Day School  
Middle School  
Summer Reading 2009

*“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 Schwa was Here*, by Neal Shusterman**

**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