

**Junior High students have 2 required summer readings.**

The first one is the first book listed (\*) under the grade level they will be entering in Fall 2010. **They will be tested during the first week of school next fall, and that score will count for up to 25% of their first trimester grade.** It is strongly recommended students keep a journal for review before the test. Students should come prepared to take a test that could include several types of questions, including true/false, matching, multiple choice, short answer and essay questions on the book assigned for their grade level at the start of the new school year.

The second required reading the student can pick from the list. The students will need to write a Response to Literature paper on the book they choose. **The RtL will be due the first Friday the students return from summer vacation.**

**Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade****\* *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls**

*Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave* by Virginia Hamilton

*The Dark Is Rising* by Susan Cooper

*Canyons* by Gary Paulsen

*Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer

*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

*Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle

*Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

*The Complete Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis

*Harry Potter series* by J. K. Rowling

*I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven

*The Island* by Gary Paulsen

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

*The Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman

*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster

*The River* by Gary Paulsen

*The Wish Giver, Three Tales of Coven Tree* by Bill Brittain

*Words of Stone* by Kevin Henkes

**Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade****\**A Day No Pigs Would Die* by Robert Newton Peck**

*Crispin the Cross of Lead* by Avi

*Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott

*The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain

*Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

*Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered* by Paulsen

*Exploring the Titanic* by Robert Ballard

*Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast* by Robin McKinley

*Beyond the Burning Time* by Kathryn Lasky

*Dogsong* by Gary Paulsen

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor  
*My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier  
*The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien  
*Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli  
*The Maze* by Will Hobbs  
*The Man Who Was Poe* by Avi  
*River Thunder* by Will Hobbs  
*Where the Lilies Bloom* by Vera Cleaver, Bill Cleaver  
*The Fire of Aries* by Michael Ford  
*Birth of a Warrior* by Michael Ford

**Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**\**The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer's Life* by Sid Fleischman**

*A Girl Named Disaster* by Nancy Farmer  
*Torn Thread* By: Anne Isaacs  
*I Have Lived a Thousand Years* by Livia Bitton-Jackson  
*And Then There Were None* By Christie  
*Sackett* by L'Amour  
*The Hobbit* by JR Tolkien  
*Band of Brothers* by Stephen E. Ambrose  
*Anna and the King of Siam* By Margaret Landon  
*A Girl of the Limberlost* by Gene Stratton Porter  
*Treasure Island* By Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz  
*Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe  
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
*Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens  
*The Cay* by Theodore Taylor  
*Children of the River* by Linda Crew  
*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes  
*The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara  
*The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum  
*Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Tom Sawyer