

Summer Reading List for Herrick's Incoming Eighth Graders:

Choose a book by one of these authors, or choose one of these titles. Read the book this summer, and take a few notes as you read. On the FIRST day of school, you should turn in a typed report of the book you read. Along with a synopsis, you should also include your personal insights of the book. Be sure to comment (**and support your thoughts**) on topics such as character development, favorite parts, areas you would change, and whether or not the author wrote a good book.

Challenging Books:

Fahrenheit 451
Beyond the Western Sea
Invisible Man
October Sky
Oliver Twist
Z for Zacharia
The Subtle Knife
A Break with Charity
Gone with the Wind
Anne of Green Gables
Cry, the Beloved Country
Titanic Crossing
Swiss Family Robinson

Bradbury
Avi
Wells
DuMaurier
Dickens
O'Brien
Pullman
Rinaldi
Mitchell
Montgomery
Paton
Myers
Wyss

High-Interest Books:

Crispin
Walk Two Moons
Many Waters
The Contender
Color Me Dark
Hoops
Soldier's Heart
Dragonwings
Magic Shop Books
Stowaway
Milkweed
Stargirl
Freak the Mighty

Avi
Creech
L'Engle
Lipstyte
McKissack
Meyer
Paulsen
Yep
Coville
Hesse
Spinelli
Spinelli
Philbrick

Grade-Level Books:

The Moves that Make the Man
Many Stones
The Boy's War
Anthony Burns
Cheaper by the Dozen
The Year Without Michael
Steal Away Home
Seventeenth Summer
Stranger with my Face
Let the Circle be Unbroken
Horse Thief
A Day No Pigs Would Die
The Watsons Go to Birmingham
Habibi
Clockwork

Brooks
Coleman
Murphy
Hamilton
Gilbreth
Pfeffer
Ruby
Daley
Duncan
Taylor
Peck
Peck
Curtis
Naomi
Pullman

Consider These Authors:

John Steinbeck
Dan Brown
Chris Crutcher
John Grishman
Michael Crichton