

**Sauer. Fog Magic.**

*Fantasy 800 L*

This book is about a ten-year-old girl named Greta, who loves the fog. After she finishes her morning work, Greta asks to go play in the fog. Her mother is always scared that Greta will get lost, but Greta knows every stone on the path she takes. Once when she was looking behind a bush there was a house where no house had been before!

**Sewall. Black Beauty**

*Fantasy 450 - 1011 L*

When Black Beauty is just a young colt, his mother warns him that a horse's life is often difficult. This strong, handsome horse soon meets with many adventures and all types of people—some kind and caring; others cruel and indifferent. No matter what circumstances he encounters, nothing can break Black Beauty's spirit.

**Schlitz, Laura Amy and Robert Byrd. The Hero Schliemann**

*Biography 910 L*

An engaging biography of Heinrich Schliemann, 19<sup>th</sup> century romantic, who most believe discovered the ancient city of Troy. This illustrated biography reveals Schliemann to be a fascinating mixture of archaeologist, mythmaker, and crook.

**Snickett, Lemony. A Series of Unfortunate Events Series**

*Humor 1280 L*

There are now thirteen books in the series (supposedly no more will be written). They tell the unhappy tale of three unlucky children, the Baudelaire siblings. Disaster lurks at their heels and they are magnets of misfortune. (author's words) These books are very enjoyable to read despite the author's attempts to ward off the reader.

**Snyder. The Egypt Game**

*Adventure 1010 L*

When Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they'll have anything in common, but she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt. When they stumble on an abandoned storage yard behind the A-Z Antiques & Curio shop, Melanie and April decide it's the perfect spot for the Egypt Game.

**Spinelli, Jerry. Maniac Magee**

*Realistic Fiction 820 L*

Maniac Magee is boy who can outrun dogs, hit a home run off the best pitcher in the neighborhood, and untie a knot that no one can undo. The folks in Two Mills figure he's got to be a maniac. It's also the story of how Jeffrey Lionel Magee confronts racism in a small town, tries to find a home where there is none, and attempts to soothe the tensions between rival factions on the tough side of town. It is a fun tale to read with a powerful message.

**White, E.B. Charlotte's Web**

*Fantasy 680 L*

An affectionate pig named Wilbur befriends a spider named Charlotte, who lives in the rafters above his pen. Wilbur is devastated when he learns of the destiny that befalls all those of porcine persuasion. Determined to save her friend, Charlotte spins a web that reads "Some Pig," convincing the farmer and surrounding community that Wilbur is no ordinary animal and should be saved. In this story of friendship, hardship, and the passing on into time, E.B. White reminds us to open our eyes to the wonder and miracle often found in the simplest of things. This is a great family read aloud.

**L = Lexile Score**

**Information on Choosing Books Through the Use of a Lexile Score**

*The Lexile measure of a book refers to its text difficulty only. A Lexile measure does not take the subject matter or content of the book into consideration. Lexile measures are based on two well-established predictors of how difficult a text is to comprehend: word frequency and sentence length.*

*Many factors other than these affect the relationship between a reader and a book, including its content, the age and interests of the reader, and the design of the actual book. The Lexile measure is a good starting point in your book-selection process along with these other factors .*

Source: *The Lexile Framework for Reading* ([www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com))

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## Suggested Summer Reading (for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

**Summer 2007**

**Dear Students and Parents,**

***In the following pages you will find a list of suggested books to read over the summer. These books are for all levels of readers and they represent a variety of genres including contemporary books and classics, award winners and time-tested favorites, fiction and non-fiction, favorite authors, and authors yet to be discovered.***

***A brief overview of each book, its genre, and a Lexile reading score have all been provided to assist you in making your summer reading choices. Your most recent Lexile reading score can be found on your spring NWEA reading test results. Of course, summer time is a great time to choose books related to your special interests.***

***It is very important that you take time to read over the summer. Reading, just like any other skill such as playing a sport or a musical instrument, only improves with practice!***

***In closing, we hope that you have an enjoyable and safe summer vacation and that reading will be one of the many fun things that you do.***

**Sincerely,**

***The Administration and Staff of Hampton Academy***

### Drop off a postcard!

- You can complete one "postcard" for each book that you read over the summer.
- Completed post cards may be turned into the Lane Library and the school's office during the summer. They may also be given to the school librarian in September.
- Extra postcards and reading lists are available at the front office, the Lane Library, and via the school website.
- How many books can you read? How many cards can you write?

**Babbitt, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting** *Fantasy 770 L*

To live forever- isn't that the stuff of fairytales? (not for the Tuck family when ten-year-old Winnie Foster discovers the secret spring). She is confronted with issues concerning the meaning of life and death. When an unscrupulous stranger also makes this discovery, Winnie must face issues of greed and ethics as well.

**Brooks, Bruce. Throwing Smoke** *Fantasy 810 L*

Baseball and fantasy merge together in this story of friendship. The members of the Breadhurst News decide to create a dream team; when, to their surprise, the imagined members magically spring to life. The great lesson in Throwing Smoke is to appreciate people for their strengths.

**Choldenko, Gennifer. Al Capone Does My Shirts** *Historical Fiction 600 L*

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there. Moose has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

**Cleary, Beverly. Dear Mr. Henshaw** *Realistic Fiction 910 L*

A sixth grade boy, Leigh Botts, has been a fan of author Boyd Henshaw since he first started to read. Leigh lives with his mother and seldom sees his father who is on the road as a cross-country trucker. Leigh's teacher assigns a letter-writing project and, of course, to whom does Leigh write?

**Clements, Andrew. Things Not Seen** *Science Fiction 690 L*

Fifteen year old Bobby wakes up on a cold Chicago morning from underneath his electric blanket to find out that he's...invisible. Frustrated at home, Bobby ventures out to the library and finds the only person who can see him for what he truly is. Can they work together to return Bobby to the real world before he's considered missing?

**Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl** *Fantasy 600 L*

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

**Creech, Sharon. Walk Two Moons** *Mystery 770 L*

Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, known as Sal, is traveling from Ohio to Idaho with her grandparents, in search of her mother. Along the way, she tells them the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. Beneath Phoebe's story is Sal's story and that of her mother, who left one day for Idaho and who has yet to return.

**Dahl, Roald. BFG** *Fantasy 720 L*

Sophie lives in an orphanage and is taken from there by a Big Friendly Giant. This is a very mysterious giant who takes her away to Giant Country. Sophie's fears are put to rest as she learns that the giant's job is to collect, catalogue and deliver pleasant dreams to children.

**Dahl, Roald. The Witches** *Humor / Fantasy 740 L*

A young boy lives with his grandmother in England. She is always telling him stories about witches. They do exist and hate children. They can disguise themselves to look like normal women. The grandmother teaches the young boy how to recognize them.

**DiCamillo, Kate. The Tale of Despereaux** *Fantasy 670 L*

This tale describes the adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess whom he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

**Fleischman, Sid. Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini** *Biography 940 L*

Who was this man who could walk through brick walls and, with a snap of his fingers, make elephants vanish? In these pages you will meet the astonishing Houdini-magician, ghost chaser, daredevil, pioneer aviator, and king of escape artists.

**Green, Roger Lancelyn. King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table** *Legend 1110 L*

The legend of King Arthur and the Knights of his Round Table is brought to life in this collection of his tales. Meet infamous characters like the magician Merlin, and the brave knights Sir Launcelot, Sir Gareth, Sir Tristram, Sir Bors, Sir Kay, and Sir Galahad. The tales include all of the best known stories, including "The Sword in the Stone", Arthur receiving the sword Excalibur from the Lady of the Lake, Arthur's marriage to Guinevere, and the Quest for the Holy Grail. (See same story by other authors)

**Green, Roger Lancelyn. The Adventures of Robin Hood** *Legend 1110 L*

The Adventures of Robin Hood is a wonderful retelling of the Robin Hood tales. All of the stories are here including Robin's fight with Little John, the archery contest, Robin's love affair with Marion, and the wedding of Allan-a-Dale. All of the famous characters are brought back to life including Friar Tuck, Will Scarlet, Little John, and Maid Marion. (See same story by other authors.)

**Hiaasen, Carl. Hoot** *Realistic Fiction 760 L*

Roy Eberhardt is the new kid – again. This time it is Trace Middle School in humid Coconut Grove, Florida. He has a table by himself at lunch, no real friends, and thick-headed bullies like Dana Matherson pushing him around. Through a series of events, Roy meets Beatrice who is tough and beats up bullies. Through Beatrice he discovers the burrowing owls and begins the adventure of a lifetime.

**Kipling, Rudyard. The Jungle Book** *Fantasy 1080 - 1140 L*

Raised by wolves, young Mowgli is taught the law of the jungle by his animal friends: old Baloo the wise brown bear and Bagheera, the sleek black panther. Slowly Mowgli learns the language and the ways of the jungle. Waiting in the darkness is the cunning and sinister tiger, Shere Khan who is watching Mowgli and waiting for his moment to pounce.

**L'Engle, Madeline. A Wrinkle in Time** *Science Fiction/Fantasy 740 L*

This is an action filled classic tale about three children who "tesser" through time and space to fight an evil black thing called "IT" on the planet Camazotz. Their objective is to save Charles Wallace and Meg's father, but first they must get past "IT".

**Raskin, Ellen. The Westing Game** *Mystery 750 L*

The Westing Game is a classic mystery story of sixteen interesting and bizarre characters who live in a mysterious apartment building and compete for the Westing millions.

**Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter Series** *Fantasy 880 - 1060 L*

There are now six books in the series. Each tells of the experiences of Harry Potter as he studies to become a great wizard at Hogwart's Academy.

**Sachar, Louis. Holes** *Adventure 660 L*

Stanley Yelnats is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and is sentenced to Camp Green Lake. Every day, each inmate must dig a hole that measures five feet deep and five feet in diameter in the dry lake bed. Stanley soon suspects the holes are not just to build character but that the warden is searching for something.

