

Hampton Academy



Suggested Summer Reading (for incoming 7th 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 postcards can you write? How many books can you read?

Park, Linda Sue. A Single Shard *Historical Fiction 920 L*

Tree-ear, an orphan in Medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potter's village and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Paulsen, Gary. Shelf Life-Stories by the Book

Historical Fiction 730 L

Newbery Award winning Gary Paulsen and other well known authors each write an original story. The result is the book, Shelf Life: Stories by the Book. This book includes stories of a girl on Mars trying to return to Earth, a story of a thief in Chicago, a shipboard adventure, a magical tale, and many more.

Westerfield, Scott. Uglies *Science Fiction 770 L*

Uglies is a book about the future. Tally lives in a world where the government has control over people's appearances after their 16th birthday.

L = Lexile Score

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, with these other factors then being considered.

Source: *The Lexile Framework for Reading* (www.lexile.com)

Farmer, Nancy. House of the Scorpion

Science Fiction 660 L

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 140-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Gallo, Donald. Sixteen (Stories by Outstanding Writers for Young Adults) *Short Stories*

This is a book of short stories by outstanding writers for young adults.

Haddix, M. Peterson. Among the Hidden

Science Fiction 800 L

(Series) In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Hinton, S. E. The Outsiders

Realistic Fiction 750 L

Pony Boy can depend on trouble with a local gang, but he has his brothers and his friends to protect him until someone takes it too far.

Hinton, S. E. That Was Then, This is Now *Realistic Fiction*

This is a story of conflict and rebellion between different classes of kids.

Horowitz, Anthony. Alex Rider

Action / Adventure

(Series) Alex Rider joins a top-secret intelligence agency to investigate dangerous criminals in the world. He is only 14 years old but chooses to rid the world of evil and join the British agency.

Larrick, Nancy. Piping Down the Valleys Wild: Poetry for the Young of All Ages *Non-Fiction*

This is a wide and varied collection of poetry for a diverse group of readers.

London, Jack. White Fang *Action / Adventure 970-1010 L*

White Fang is the story of a part dog, part wolf that has turned mean because of abuse. Through the patience of one man, White Fang is transformed.

Lupica, Mike. Heat

Realistic Fiction 940 L

In his new book, the famed sports columnist tells the story of a young Cuban boy's little league hopes.

Mazer, Henry. A Boy at War

Historical Fiction 530 L

(Series) While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Meyer, L. A. Bloody Jack

Action / Adventure / Historical Fiction 1120 L

(Series) Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

Poe, Edgar A. The Illustrated Poetry of Edgar Allan Poe

Prelutsky, Jack. It's Raining Pigs and Noodles *NonFiction*

Prelutsky's It's Raining Pigs and Noodles contains numerous puns, jokes, wit, and silliness. Many of the poems are about animals and people both, while others are about things that never existed or never will be.

Twain, Mark. Complete Short Stories

Short Stories

Every one of Twain's sixty stories is here. They range from the frontier humor of "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," to a bitter picture of humankind in "The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg," to the humorous "Is He Living or Is He Dead?"