



Discovery Middle School Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading List

Reading has always been a primary focus at Discovery Middle School. We believe, and statistics have shown, that students who read during school breaks build and retain their personal reading skills. This Summer Reading Program was developed to encourage all students to practice reading throughout the long summer break.

All incoming 7th grade students must select and read **two** books from the list of 30 titles. **Students in Advanced or Gifted are required to read **three** books from the list.** Upon completion of each book, students will be required to take a computer-generated Reading Counts quiz. The completion of the assignment (reading the book and taking the test) will count as a grade for the student's Language Arts class. Therefore, students may want to take notes or complete a story map on the books they read so the information can be reviewed prior to taking the test. Many of the books on the summer reading list can be found through the Orange County Public Library System or a local bookstore.

Listed below are the dates and times Discovery's Media Center will be open during the summer for students to come in and take their tests.

Dates: June 12 to June 28
July 10 to July 19
July 31 to August 2

Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Times: 10:00 to 2:00

The following is a list of 15 titles compiled by the Language Arts and Reading Departments. The fifteen 2007-2008 Sunshine State Young Reader's Award program titles will also be included as part of the summer reading list. The SSYRA book list is now available. Please visit the following website for a copy of the list.

http://myssyra.org/grades6_8/68list.html

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix 800L

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer 610L

The Call of the Wild by Jack London 1120L

Chasing the Falconers – Book One by Gordon Korman 680L

Double Dutch by Sharon Draper 760L

Ender’s Game by Scott Orson Card 780L

Eragon by Christopher Paolini 710L

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan 750L

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen 720L

Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan 800L

****Inside Out*** by Terry Trueman 710L

****Money Hungry*** by Sharon Flake 650L

Quake! : Disaster in San Francisco, 1906 by Gail Karwoski 770L

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements 690L

Truesight by David Stahler 860L

***READ WITH CAUTION! If you see a book on this list with an asterisk (*) beside the title, please note that this book may be offensive or disturbing to some students.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Patti Schmidt, Literacy Coach, at schmidp@ocps.net. The students’ Language Arts teacher will be able to answer other questions when the school year begins.

The number at the end of each description indicates the lexile level of the novel. For more information regarding lexile levels, please visit www.lexile.com.