

Summer Reading
Going on to 7th Grade?



Something old - We always like to recommend books you might like to read over the summer. Some of those suggestions are listed below. These suggestions include books that our teachers recommend, award-winning books and books that other students have enjoyed.

Something new - The new piece is our Required Reading List. At Washington, we know that our students need to be ready to hit the ground running in the fall to keep pace in our Gifted Program. We are asking all new 7th graders to read three of the five titles listed here. They can be found at local book stores or at the public libraries. This list will provide them with an instant connection to new friends in August. Classroom teachers will have students working in groups on fun projects related to their reading.

In addition, the Rockford Public School District is providing every student a "pack" of summer reading books, free to keep and add to your home library. These titles, four fiction and four non-fiction, were selected to be captivating and to appeal to student interests. Enjoy!

Required Reading

(Choose at least 3)

The Egypt Game by Zilpha K. Snyder
Jeremy Finks and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass
Bucking the Sarge by Christopher Paul Custis
Scat by Carl Hiassen
Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

Looking for more ideas? Here are some additional reading suggestions you might enjoy!

Lexile Level 1050 - 1100

Beet Fields: Memories of a Sixteenth Summer
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
Around the World in 80 Days
Elijah of Buxton
The Vile Village
Treasure Island
Mudshark
Save Queen of Sheba

Lexile Level 1150-1200

The Winter Room
Brian's Hunt
Catherine, Called Birdy
War of the Worlds
Hitty: Her First Hundred Years
Pieces of Georgia
The Quilt
The Off Season

Lexile Level 1100-1150

The Faerie Door
Insomniacs - Buzz
The Austere Academy
The Princess and Curdie
Tiltawhirl John
Pure Dead Frozen
The Secret Hideout
Pure Dead Trouble

Lexile Level 1200 - 1250

The Walking Stones
The Cat Who Came to Christmas
Dragonhaven
A Parcel of Patterns
Little Women
Shrimp
Spindle's End
Robert Cormier: Daring to Disturb the Universe

Need even more ideas?

http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington_Reading.htm - Look at the Summer Reading Ideas