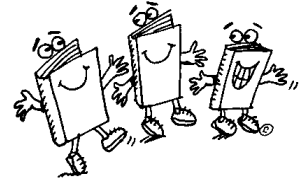


Bernardsville Middle School Suggested Summer Reading List



Students Entering Grade 7

Please Note: All suggested summer reading titles are recommended for the 7th grade reading level. It is up to you and your parents/guardians to decide which books are appropriate for you.

Top Teacher Picks:

The Last Olympian – Percy Jackson Series – Rick Riordan

The long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy Jackson's sixteenth birthday unfolds as he leads an army of young demigods to stop Kronos in his advance on New York City, while the Olympians struggle to contain the rampaging monster, Typhon.

Magyk – Septimus Heap Series – Angie Sage

Jenna learns that she is a princess found as a baby by the man she believed was her father and now she and Septimus, who was taken at birth by the midwife, are being threatened by the evil wizard, DomDaniel who intends to finish off the entire royal line.

The Alchemist - Michael Scott

Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

- Mrs. Burke, Literacy – Grade 7

Al Capone Does My Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko

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

The Secret Blog of Raisin Rodriguez – Judy Goldschmidt

In a weblog she sends to her best friends back in Berkeley, seventh-grader Raisin Rodriguez chronicles her successes and her more frequent humiliating failures as she attempts to make friends at her new Philadelphia school.

A Mango-Shaped Space – Wendy Mass

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.

- Ms. Flynn, Literacy – Grade 7

Maximum Ride Series - James Patterson

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

- Miss MacGorman, Middle School Media Specialist

Suggested Titles:

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea - Jules Verne

Jules Verne's classic nineteenth-century science-fiction tale about a French professor and his companions who are trapped aboard a futuristic submarine with a mad sea captain and come face to face with exotic ocean creatures and strange sights hidden from the world above.

Beyond the Deepwoods: Edge Chronicles #1 - Paul Stewart

Thirteen-year-old Twig, having always looked and felt different from his woodtroll family, learns that he is adopted and travels out of his Deepwoods home to find the place where he belongs.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a

Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

***Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam* - Cynthia Kadohata**

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

***The Diamond of Drury Lane* - Julia Golding**

Orphan Catherine "Cat" Royal, living at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, tries to find the "diamond" supposedly hidden in the theater, which unmasks a treasonous political cartoonist, and involves her in the street gangs of Covent Garden and the world of nobility.

***The Golden Goblet* - Eloise Jarvis McGraw**

A young Egyptian boy struggles to reveal a hideous crime and reshape his own destiny.

***The Graveyard Book* - Neil Gaiman**

The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

***Lyddie* - Katherine Paterson**

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

***Moorchild* - Eloise McGraw**

Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk," a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human child whose place she had been given.

***The Printer's Devil* - Paul Bajoria**

After printing the "Wanted" posters for some of London's most notorious inhabitants, a printer's boy is entangled, by a genuine convict, in a series of mistaken identities and events leading back to the boy's own mysterious past.

***Run, Boy, Run* - Uri Orlev**

Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.

***Savvy* - Ingrid Law**

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

***The Shamer's Daughter: The Shamer's Chronicles* - Lene Kaarberbol**

After her mother, a Shamer, is summoned to Dunark for a mission, ten-year-old Dina is forced to use her

own special powers as she is caught up in an adventure of political intrigue and survival.

***SilverFin: Young Bond #1* - Charles Higson**

Young James Bond, a student at the Eton boarding school in the 1930s, travels to his aunt's Scotland estate for the Easter holidays where he becomes caught up in investigating the disappearance of a local boy, a crime allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination.

***Stargirl* - Jerry Spinelli**

Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

***Tales of the Greek Heroes* - Roger Lancelyn Green**

Retells nineteen heroic Greek myths, including the stories of Prometheus, Heracles, Theseus, Hermes and Apollo, the first fall of Troy, and the battle of the Giants.

***Tangerine* - Edward Bloor**

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

***The Time Travelers: The Gideon Trilogy #1* - Linda Buckley-Archer**

When an attempt to bring Peter and Kate back to their own time is bungled, Peter finds himself stranded in 1763 while The Tar Man, a villainous eighteenth-century criminal, returns with Kate to twenty-first-century London.

***Treasure Island* - Robert Louis Stevenson**

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of an inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune. Includes review questions.

***The Wild Girls* - Pat Murphy**

Twelve-year-old Joan, worried that she will not have any friends when her family moves from Connecticut to California, bonds right away with Sarah, a girl who prefers to be called Fox, and the two spend a joyous summer playing outside, making up stories, and attending a writing class.

***Zorgamazoo* - Robert Paul Weston**

Imaginative and adventurous Katrina eludes her maniacal guardian to help Morty, a member of a vanishing breed of zorgles, with his quest to uncover the fate of the fabled zorgles of Zorgmazoo as well as of other creatures that seem to have disappeared from the Earth.

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