

Required Summer Reading

(Upcoming 8th Graders)

Are you bored yet? Chances are the video games and movies will get old after a while, so head to the library or Barnes & Noble and spend some time reading! I've put together a list of recommended books that are sure to bring you some enjoyment.

The requirement for English class is to read a minimum of three books over the summer. You must choose two titles from the list below and one of your own choosing. Read for enjoyment, of course, but also for comprehension. You will be doing projects and reports for each of these three books (see the back of this page for details).

I hope that you enjoy these books that you might not otherwise have read. If you've already read all of the books on the list, email me, and we'll discuss different options. Happy reading, and enjoy the summer!

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- ◆ *Redwall*—Brian Jacques
- ◆ *The Shadow Club*—Neal Schusterman (or the sequel, if you've read the first)
- ◆ *Dacey's Song*—Cynthia Voight
- ◆ *The Iron Ring*—Lloyd Alexander
- ◆ *River Boy*—Tim Bowler
- ◆ *Dovey Coe*—Frances O'Roark Dowell
- ◆ *The Skin I'm In*—Sharon Flake
- ◆ *Among the Hidden*—Margaret Peterson Haddix (any in the series you haven't read)

Parents, set a good example for your kids and read over the summer as well. Reading is the only way to become a better reader; you are doing your kids a favor by setting aside time daily to read.