



# Canterbury Middle School 2008 Summer Reading List

**Fifth Grade** – For students going into the fifth grade in the fall of 2008.

**Required Reading:** *Lowry – Number the Stars*

(Fifth graders will need to **bring their own copy of this book** the first day of school.)

**Suggested Reading:**

Bellairs	<i>The Treasure of Alpheus Winterborn</i> – Mystery, adventure
Burnett	<i>The Secret Garden</i> – Classic, realistic fiction
Clements	<i>A Week in the Woods</i> – School, adventure story
Ellis	<i>The Breadwinner</i> – Set in Kabul, Afghanistan
Fletcher	<i>Shadow Spinner</i> – Historical fiction, based on tales of Shahrazad and the Arabian Nights
Levine	<i>Ella Enchanted</i> – Fantasy, Cinderella story
Naylor	<i>Shiloh</i> – Newbery Medal, dog adventure
Park	<i>A Single Shard</i> – Newbery Medal, medieval Korea
Paulsen	<i>Hatchet</i> – Wilderness adventure
Peck	<i>Fair Weather</i> – Adventure at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair

**Sixth Grade** – For students going into the sixth grade in the fall of 2008.

**Required Reading:** Choose **two** books – one book from the following four books and one from the suggested list, that you have not read.

*Hobbs – Ghost Canoe*

*Hoobler – The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn*

*Van Draanen – Sammy Keyes & the Hotel Thief*

*Voigt – The Callender Papers*

(Sixth graders will need to **bring their own copies of the two books** they read on the first day of school.)

**Suggested Reading:**

Creech	<i>Ruby Holler</i> – A favorite Canterbury author
Dahl	<i>Danny, the Champion of the World</i> – A father and son adventure
Fleischman	<i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science</i>
Hamilton	<i>Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board</i>
Holt	<i>Dancing in Cadillac Light</i> – A family story set in 1968
Horowitz	<i>Stormbreaker</i> – Action and adventure
Juster	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> – Comical Fantasy
LaFaye	<i>Worth</i> – Historical Fiction, friendship
Paulsen	<i>The Legend of Bass Reeves</i> – A former slave becomes the most valiant marshal in the west (Based on a true story)
Whelan	<i>Homeless Bird</i> – set in India

## Canterbury Middle School – 2008 Summer Reading List

**Seventh Grade** – For students going into the seventh grade in the fall of 2008.

**Required Reading:** Taylor – *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.

Choose **one** from the following **two** books:

Blackman – *Year of the Hangman*

or

Anderson – *Fever 1793*

(Seventh graders will need to **bring their own copies of the required books** they read on the first day of school.)

### **Suggested Reading:**

Creech	<i>Walk Two Moons</i> – Newbery Medal, realistic fiction
DuPrau	<i>The City of Ember</i> – Adventure set in a different world
Fox	<i>The Slave Dancer</i> – Story dealing with the slave trade
Giff	<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i> – Beautiful story of a gifted artist
Park	<i>When My Name Was Keoko</i> – Historical fiction, WWII
Philbrick	<i>Freak the Mighty</i> – Realistic fiction, friendship
Stone	<i>Tiger</i> – Book one in the Five Ancestors series
Taylor	<i>The Land</i> – Historical fiction, prequel to <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>
White	<i>The Journal of Patrick Seamus Flaherty</i> – Vietnam setting from the Dear America series
Yep	<i>Angelfish</i> – Ballet story

**Eighth Grade** – For students going into the eighth grade in the fall of 2008.

**Required Reading:** Freedman – *Lincoln: A Photobiography*

and

Philbrick – *The Last Book in the Universe*

(Eighth graders will need to **bring their own copies of the required books** they read on the first day of school.)

### **Suggested Reading:**

Bauer	<i>Hope was Here</i> – Realistic fiction
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Creech	<i>Heartbeat</i> – Poetry
Farmer	<i>The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm</i> – Science fiction, Newbery Honor
Hobbs	<i>The Maze</i> – Set in the southwest, adventure
Martin	<i>A Corner of the Universe</i> – Realistic fiction
Pearson	<i>Scribbler of Dreams</i> – Modern day Romeo & Juliet
Shaara	<i>Killer Angels</i> – Classic Civil War story
Spinelli	<i>Stargirl</i> – Realistic fiction
Tolkien	<i>The Hobbit</i> – Classic, fantasy