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Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech

Sliding Into Home by Dori Hillestad Butler

The Liberation of Gabriel King by K.L. Going

Shug by Jenny Han

The Gypsy Game by Zipha Keatley Snyder

Taking Sides by Gary Soto

The Color of My Words by Lynn Joseph

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

The Wish Giver by Bill Brittan

The Wanderer by Sharon Creech

Stormbreaker or Skeleton Key by Alex Rider

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The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau

Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba by Alma Flor Ada

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

How Tia Lola Came to (Visit) Stay by Julia Alvarez

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

Boy by Roald Dahl

Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Redwall by Brian Jacques

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

The Giver by Lois Lowry

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Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

No Talking or Frindle by Andrew Clements

Hello, My Name Is Scrambled Eggs by Jamie Gilson

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater

The Celery Stalks at Midnight by James Howe

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

The Twits or Matilda by Roald Dahl

The Wish Giver by Bill Brittain

Because of Winn-Dixie or The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane or Tales of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Fair Weather by Richard Peck

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

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Dear Rising 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grader,

This summer you will be expected to read at least three books from the following lists. You must choose at least one book from the modern and one from the classic categories. Your third book may be chosen from either group. You will be expected to have finished each of your three books by the end of the first week of school. During the first weeks of school you will have individual conversations during ELA about your three books- be prepared to discuss the characters, important plot events, and the elements of the books that you enjoyed or disliked. You may read as many books as you would like from either list, but remember that you must read at least one book from each list, and a *minimum* of three books. We hope you enjoy your summer and your books.

Sincerely,

Mr. Costello  
Mr. Cummiskey

**Modern:**

*Scat* by Carl Hiaasen  
*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins  
*Breathe: A Ghost Story* by Cliff McNish  
*Capt. Hook* by J.V. Hart and Brett Helquist  
*After Hamelin* by Bill Richardson  
*The Schwa Was Here* by Neal Shusterman  
*What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*Magic or Madness* by Justine Larbalestier  
*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson (**8<sup>th</sup> only**)  
*Feed* by M.T. Anderson  
*Reality Check* by Peter Abrahams  
*Runemarks* by Joanne Harris  
*Tamar* by Mal Peet  
*Tanglewreck* by Jeanette Winterson  
*Sofi Mendoza's Guide to Getting Lost in Mexico* (**Grade 8 only**)  
*Slam* by Nick Hornby (**8<sup>th</sup> only**)  
*Sunrise Over Faluja* by Walter Dean Myers

**Classics:**

*The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien

*The Outsiders* by Susan Eloise Hinton

*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

*Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll

*2001* by Arthur C. Clarke

*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

*Over Sea, Under Stone* by Susan Cooper

*Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman

*Old Man of the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens

*The Magician's Nephew* by C. S. Lewis