



**San Diego Jewish Academy
Middle School English, grades 6, 7, 8
Summer Reading and Supplies 2012**

Supplies for English and Social Science, grades 6, 7, 8

a three-ring binder with divider tabs (at least five)
college-ruled notebook paper
pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers
highlighters and post-it notes for active reading
glue sticks and scissors
6-8th graders need two marbled composition books

Summer Reading for English 6, 7, 8; DUE August 22, 2012

Parents, we encourage you to read and discuss the books with your student. Students, your goal this summer should be to read as much as you can to improve your reading skills (understanding, vocabulary, speed). At a minimum, please read and write the following:

1. Read the book assigned to your grade level. Please keep your copy of this text for the first week of school
 - Grade 6, *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
 - Grade 7, *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli
 - Grade 8, *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
2. Read a minimum of two additional *grade-level appropriate* titles of your choice over the summer; see list on pages two and three for examples of favorite series, authors, and titles identified by students. Please keep your copy of these texts for the first week of school.
3. You will have an in-class activity and open-book writing assignment during the first week of school to demonstrate your understanding of the grade-level novel. You will be asked to write about the other two novels you read as well. Please bring all three books to school the first week.

Questions?

After reading through this handout, if you still have questions, please write an email to Ms. McKinstry at mmckinstry@sdja.com. She will check email periodically throughout the summer. Parents, we encourage you to help your children advocate for themselves and ask questions of teachers. Please help them learn this important skill by guiding their inquiries but allowing them to actually write the email and handle the communication. We are happy to include the parent email address in the "cc" line.

Summer Reading Favorites List

Favorite Series

(alphabetical by series with author noted)

Artemis Fowl, Colfer

Dear America Series (historical fiction diaries)

Dacey's Song, Voigt

Ella Enchanted, Peterson Haddix

Ender's Game, Scott Card

Joey Pigza, Gontos

Little Women, Alcott

Redwall, Jaques

Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry, Taylor

The Black Cauldron, Alexander

The Chronicles of Narnia, Lewis

The Dark is Rising, Cooper

The Golden Compass, Pullman

The Great Brain, Fitzgerald

Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Rick
Riordan

The Series of Unfortunate Events, Snicket

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants,
Brashares

Favorite Authors

(alphabetical by author with genre noted)

Christopher, Matt (sport)

Cleary, Beverley (growing up)

Cooney, Caroline (mystery)

Creech, Sharon (growing up)

Crutcher, Chris (adventure/sport)

Cushman, Karen (historical fiction)

Duane, Diane (fantasy)

Duncan, Lois (mystery)

Hinton, S.E. (growing up)

Horowitz, Anthony

Ibbotson, Eva (growing up/fantasy)

Jones, Allan

Kerr, P. B.

Lowry, Lois (history, fantasy)

Mass, Wendy

Paulsen, Gary (adventure)

Peck, Richard (growing up)

Reilly Giff, Patricia (historical fiction)

Rowling, J.K. (fantasy)

Shusterman, Neil

Tolkien, J.R.R. (fantasy)

Ursu, Anne

Summer Reading Favorites List, continued

Favorite Titles

(alphabetical by author)

Anderson, *Feed*

Anderson, *Going through the Gate*

anonymous, *Go Ask Alice*

Avi, *Beyond the Western Sea*

Avi, *Nothing But the Truth*

Avi, *The Bright Shadow*

Babbitt, *Tuck Everlasting*

Benett, *Life in the Fat Lane*

Bennett, *Anne Frank and Me*

Bloom, *Sally J. Freedman as Herself*

Bloom, *Then Again, Maybe I Won't*

Broach, *Shakespeare's Secret*

Brooks, *The Moves Make the Man*

Bruchac, *Code Talker*

Byars, *Summer of the Swans*

Cabot, *Princess In the Spotlight*

Cabot, *The Princess Diaries*

Campbell Bartoletti, *The Boy Who Dared*

Colum, *The Golden Fleece and Heroes Who Lived Before Achilles*

Craighead George, *My Side of the Mountain*

Curtis, *Bud, not Buddy*

Curtis, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*

Dahl, *Boy*

Danziger, *Snail Mail No More*

Dicamillo and Basil Ering, *Tale of Desperaux*

Drucker, *Jacob's Rescue*

Duane, *A Wizard Abroad* by Diane Duane

Duane, *High Wizardry*

Duey and Bale, *Survival Earthquake*

Evslin, *Hercules*

Fisher Staples, *Dangerous Skies*

Fleischman, *Bo and Mzzz Mad*

Fleischman, *The Thirteenth Floor*

Franke, *Anne Franke: The Diary of a Young Girl*

Funk, *The Thief Lord*

Goldman Koss, *The Ashwater Experiment*

Greene, *The Summer of My German Soldier*

Halse Anderson, *Fever 1793*

Halse Anderson, *Speak*

Hiassen, *Hoot*

Howe, *A Night without Stars*

Howe, *The Misfits*

Jackson Percy

Kadohata, *Kira-Kira*

Konigsburg, *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs.*

Basil E. Frankweiler

Konigsburg, *The View from Saturday*

Matas, *Daniel's Story*

McKissack, *Run Away Home*

Munoz-Ryan, *Esperanza Rising*

Munoz-Ryan, *Riding Freedom*

Norton, *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Orlov, *The Man from the Other Side*

Paolini, *Eragon*

Park, *When My Name Was*

Pene Du Bois, The Twenty One Balloons

Perkins, *Criss Cross*

Peters, *Define Normal*

Philbrick, *Freak the Mighty*

Raskin, *The Westing Game*

Rawls, *Where The Red Fern Grows*

Reid Banks, *One More River*

Reiss, *The Upstairs Room*

Reynolds Naylor, *Alice on the Outside*

Ruby, *Steal Away Home*

Sachar, *Holes*

Sachar, *There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom*

Salisbury, *Under the Blood Red Sun*

Schwartz, *Lilith's Cave*

Serrailier, *Escape from Warsaw*

Simont, *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*

Sparks, *A Walk to Remember* by Nicholas Sparks

Spinelli, *Maniac Magee*

Spinelli, *Stargirl*

Stewart, Trenton Lee, *The Mysterious Benedict Society*

Tolan, *Surviving the Applewhites*

Temple, *A Taste of Salt*

Ursu, *The Shadow Thieves*

Van Dralen, *Flipped*

Whalen Gayle *Homeless Bird*

Wiles, *The Aurora Country All Stars*

Willis Holt, *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*

Woodson, *Miracle's Boys*

Yolen, *The Devil's Arithmetic*