



**San Diego Jewish Academy  
Middle School English, grades 6, 7, 8  
Summer Reading and Supply List 2011**

**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  
6-8<sup>th</sup> graders need two marbled composition books

**Summer Reading for English 6, 7, 8; DUE August 24, 2011**

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. (These books have been ordered and stocked at the Barnes and Noble in Del Mar if you did not buy them during the PTO Book Fair last spring.)
  - Grade 6, *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
  - Grade 7, *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli
  - Grade 8, *China Boy* by Gus Lee
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 test 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](mailto: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*