

Middle School Summer Reading



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To: Parents/Guardians
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Re: Book Report: Mandatory Summer Reading 2011

Each year, new and returning HAAS students are required to read selected novels and complete specific grade level assignments. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. Over the summer, parents can assist their children in sustaining and bolstering their reading skills, strengthening their vocabulary, and reinforcing the benefits of reading for enjoyment.

For the 2011-2012 school year at Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science, each student is required to read two books and complete the summer reading book report for each.

Failure to complete these assignments will result in the student receiving zeros.

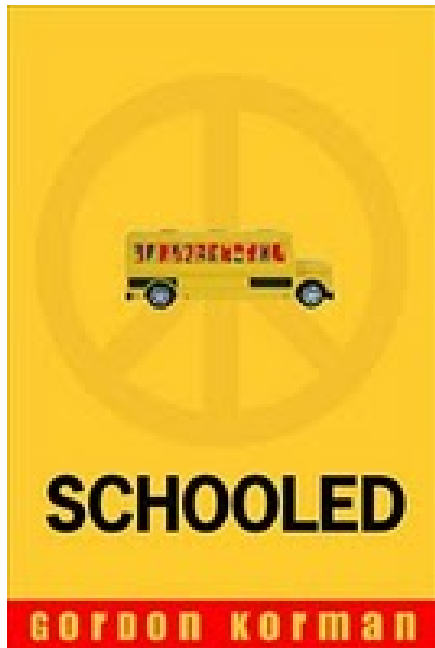
It is **mandatory** that all students read the required reading book for his/her grade level. In addition, your child is required to read a second book of his/her choice. While we have provided you with a suggested reading list, please note that you are not limited to this selection and that your child may choose another book at grade level.

Your child has the opportunity to complete a third book report for extra credit. This may also be a book of their choice at grade level.

Attached you will find a copy of the summer reading book report. You may go online at www.hollywoodcharter.org to print out additional copies of the book report. **These will be collected the first week of school.**

Have a great summer!

Summer Reading 2011 – Middle School



"Schooled" is the story of Capricorn ("Cap") Anderson, a young teen who was raised in virtual isolation on the Garland Farm commune with only his grandmother, Rain. When Rain falls from a tree while picking plums, Cap's entire existence is radically changed. Because Rain will need at least two months of rehabilitation for her broken hip, Cap -- for the first time in his life -- must leave the commune, move to a house in town, interact with other teenagers, and attend a regular middle school. Mind you, Cap has never seen a television, computer, cell phone, or ipod! He has no idea how people use money, checks, and property. In fact, he can't even understand why someone would need a school locker!

Cap is placed at the suburban home of social worker Flora Donnelly and her beautiful, somewhat bratty high school age daughter, Sophie. Many years before, Flora's parents had been members of the commune, so Flora knows full well just how jarring it is to be thrown into modern life all at once. As for Sophie, she either ignores the "freakazoid" or, in her more evil moments, dumps water on him while he practices tai chi on the front lawn.

Unfortunately, Sophie's "freakazoid" label, while harsh, is also fairly accurate. To his new classmates at Claverage (nicknamed "C Average") Middle School, Cap might as well have landed from a different planet. With his tie-dyed shirts, hemp sandals, and long hippie hair, Cap is literally stuck in the 1960s. Even beyond his appearance, Cap's behavior -- his desire to learn all 1100 students' names, his complete failure to get ruffled by bullies or teen pranks -- is completely foreign. Unlike his peers, Cap literally sees only good in people, regardless of the situation.

Cap's classmates, including football jock Zach and popular girls Naomi and Lena, immediately size him up as an easy target. They conspire, successfully, to get Cap elected 8th grade class president, thinking the results of putting someone so clueless in charge will be hilarious. But what begins as a cruel joke eventually becomes a life-changing experience for both Cap and his peers. Slowly but surely, he wins them over with his simple innocence, generous spirit, and refusal to compromise himself.

Student Name _____

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Book Report – Mandatory Summer Reading 2010**

Notes/Outline

Directions: You may complete this worksheet as you read and bring it with you to class during the first week of school.

Intro – brief notes about the book and author

Book title: _____

Author: _____

Why did the author write this book? _____

Plot – the main events that make up the story – HIGHLIGHTS ONLY

Set the scene, what are the main events which took place during the story?

Setting – historical period, season, location, etc.

Where does the story take place? _____

Theme – The “big picture” or message the author wishes to convey – the attitude or insight presented.

Mood - feelings the novel invokes in reader.

Tone – the author’s voice – angry, humorous, apologetic.

What mood do you feel the author is trying to convey? _____

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Characters – give brief descriptions of personality/physical traits

Main Character (protagonist): _____

Supporting characters:

Vocabulary

As you read the story, find three words that you do not understand. Look them up and give the following information.

1. Word: _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

2. Word: _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

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3. Word: _____ Page Number: _____

Definition: _____

Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

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Your Opinion

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

Did you like the book? Why or why not?

What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

What was your least favorite part of the book? Why?

Would you recommend this book to someone else to read? Why or why not?

Concluding thoughts on the book – would you recommend it? Why?

100 Suggested Titles for Middle School Students Alphabetical by Author

Author	Title	©Date
1. Abbott, Tony	Postcard, The	2008
2. Alexander, Alma	Gift of the Unmage	2007
3. Anderson, John David	Standard Hero Behavior	2007
4. Anderson, Laurie Halse	Chains	2008
5. Appelt, Kathi	Keeper	2010
6. Aubin, Henry	Rise of the Golden Cobra	2007
7. Avi, et al	Acting Out: Six One-Act Plays! Six Newbery Stars!	2008
8. Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	Boy Who Dared, The	2008
9. Bell, Hilari	Sword of Waters, The	2008
10. Birdsall, Jeanne	Penderwicks, The: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy	2007
11. Blos, Joan W.	Letters from the Corrugated Castle: A Novel of Gold Rush California, 1850-1052	2007
12. Bracegirdle, P. J.	Fiendish Deeds	2008
13. Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Lacemaker and the Princess, The	2007
14. Brezenoff, Steve	Mummy at Midnight, The	2009
15. Burg, Shana	Thousand Never Evers, A	2008
16. Burns, Lorie Griffin	Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion	2007
17. Carey, Janet Lee	Dragon's keep	2007
18. Caseley, Judith	Kissing Diary, The	2007
19. Cody, Matthew	Powerless	2009
20. Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl: the graphic novel 2: The Artic Incident	2009
21. Couloumbis, Audrey	War games : a novel based on a true story	2009
22. Crane, E. M.	Skin Deep	2008
23. Curtis, Christopher Paul	Elijah of Buxton	2007
24. Dahl, Michael	Curtains! A High School Musical Mystery	2009
25. deGusman, Michael	Henrietta Hurnbuckle's Circus of Life	2010
26. DiTerlizzi, Tony	Kenny & the Dragon	2008
27. Doyle, Marissa	Bewitching Season	2008
28. Draper, Sharon	Out of my Mind	2010
29. Dubosarsky, Ursula	World Snoop, The	2009

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30. Duey, Kathleen	Skin Hunger: A Resurrection of Magic, Book One	2007
31. DuPrau, Jeanne	City of Ember	2008
32. Durst, Sarah Beth	Into the Wild	2007
33. Engle, Margarita	Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba	2009
34. Farr, Richard	Emperors of the Ice: A True Story of Disaster and Survival in the Antarctic, 1910-13	2008
35. Fergus, Maureen	Ortega	2010
36. Fleming, Candace	The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of P. T. Barnum	2009
37. Fletcher, Charlie	Stoneheart	2007
38. Flood, Bo	Warriors in the Crossfire	2010
39. Frost, Helen	Diamond Willow	2008
40. Gaiman, Neil	Graveyard Book, The	2008
41. Garcia, Cristina	I Wanna Be Your Shoebox	2008
42. Gephart, Donna	As If Being 12 3/4 Isn't Bad Enough, My Mother Is Running for President!	2008
43. Grabenstein, Chris	Crossroads, The	2008
44. Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Found	2008
45. Hahn, Mary Downing	Deep, Dark and Dangerous	2007
46. Hale, Shannon	Rapunzel's Revenge (graphic novel)	2008
47. Hale, Shannon	Calamity Jack (graphic novel)	2010
48. Harper, Jessica	Uh-oh, Cleo: I Barfed on Mrs. Kenly	2010
49. Hess, Nina	Practical Guide to Monsters, A	2007
50. Hiaasen, Carl	Scat	2009
51. Hillmam, Ben	How Strong Is It? A Mighty Book All About Strength	2008
52. Holm, Jennifer L.	Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf	2007
53. Hood, Ann	How I Saved My Father's Life (And Ruined Everything Else)	2008
54. Horowitz, Anthony	Snakehead	2007
55. Horvath, Polly	My One Hundred Adventures	2008
56. Hull, Nancy L.	On Rough Seas	2008
57. Hunter, Erin	Quest Begins, The	2008
58. Jordan, Rosa	Goatnappers, The	2007
59. Kelly, Jacqueline	Evolution of Calpurnia Tate, The	2009
60. Kodahata, Cynthia	Million Shades of Gray, A	2010

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61. Korman, Gordon	Pop	2009
62. LaFaye, A.	Stella Stands Alone	2008
63. Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant	2007
64. Lasky, Katheryn	Hawksmaid: The Untold Story of Robin Hood and Maid Marian	2010
65. Lee, Y. S.	Agency, The: A Spy in the House	2010
66. Lennon, Joan	Questors	2007
67. Levy, Debbie	Year of Goodbyes, The	2010
68. Lupica, Mike	Big Field, The	2008
69. Macauley, David	Human Machine, The	2008
70. MacDonald, Amy	Too Much Flapdoodle	2008
71. Maddox, Jake	Running Rivals	2009
72. Marsh, Katherine	Night tourist, The	2007
73. Mass, Wendy	Every Soul a Star	2009
74. McClafferty, Carla Killough	In Defiance of Hitler: The Secret Mission of Varian Fry	2008
75. Mercado, Nancy, ed.	Baseball Crazy: Ten Short Stories that Cover All the Bases	2008
76. Murphy, Pat	Wild girls, The	2007
77. Myracle, Lauren	Thirteen	2008
78. Nardo, Don	Climate Crisis	2009
79. Paulsen, Gary	Lawn Boy Returns	2010
80. Peck, Dale	Lost Cities, The: A Drift House Voyage	2007
81. Powell, Martin	Tale of Paul Bunyan, The	2010
82. Rappaport, Doreen	Eleanor, Quiet No More	2009
83. Resau, Laura	Star in the Forest	2010
84. Rinaldi, Anne	Redheaded Princess, The	2008
85. Rodman, Mary Ann	Jimmy's Stars	2008
86. Shearer, Alex	Canned	2008
87. Skelton, Matthew	Story of Cirrus Flux, The	2010
88. Sonnenblick, Jordan	After Ever After	2010
89. Staples, Suzanne Risher	House of Djinn, The	2008
90. Stead, Rebecca	First light	2007
91. Stone, Jeff	Crane	2007
92. Stone, Tanya Lee	Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared	2009

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93. Swanson, James L.	Chasing Lincoln's Killer	2009
94. Walden, Mark	H.I.V.E.: The Higher Institute of Villainous Education	2007
95. Warner, Sally	It's Only Temporary	2008
96. Wiles, Deborah	Countdown	2010
97. Williams, Rita Garcia	One Crazy Summer	2010
98. Wolf, Joan M.	Someone Named Eva	2007
99. Wood, Don	Into the Volcano: a Graphic Novel	2008
100. Woodson, Jacqueline	Feathers	2007