

# Hawken Required Summer Reading Fourth and Fifth Grades 2008

All students should read extensively during the summer months. Take time to visit your public library frequently and take advantage of their summer programs.

## Students

The required summer reading assignments are listed below, check off each assignment as completed.

### Entering grade 4

- \_\_\_\_\_ Read *Dear Mr. Henshaw*, by Beverly Cleary and be prepared to discuss it during the first week of school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Read two other books of your choice and write a one-paragraph summary about each.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Keep a record of titles that were read and enjoyed over the summer.

### Entering grade 5

- \_\_\_\_\_ Read *Lily's Crossing*, by Patricia Reilly Giff and be prepared to discuss it during the first week of school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Read two other books of your choice and complete the attached summary form for each title.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Keep a record of titles that were read and enjoyed over the summer.

## Parents

Students must have a copy of the required book for use during the first few weeks of school. All summaries are to be turned into homeroom teachers the first day of school. Students should keep a record of titles that were read and enjoyed over the summer. This reading record will be turned into the librarian and discussed during library time at the beginning of the year. Use the list of pleasure reading as a guide to some new titles, and some favorites. If the titles are too difficult or too easy for your child, make use of the other grade level lists that are also available on the Hawken Library webpage.

# Reading For Pleasure—Suggested Titles Fourth and Fifth Grade

The following titles are appropriate selections for student choice books.

## New (2006-2008) Recommended Titles

### Adventure

Jonell, Lynne. ***Emmy and The Incredible Shrinking Rat.***

When Emmy discovers that she, and her formerly loving parents, are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

Lowry, Lois. ***The Willoughbys.***

The four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

### Realistic Fiction

O'Connor, Barbara. ***How to Steal a Dog: A Novel.***

Living in the family car in their North Carolina town after their father leaves, Georgina persuades her younger brother to help her in a scheme to get money by stealing a dog and claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

### Fantasy

La Fevers, R.L. ***Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos.***

Theo uses arcane knowledge and her own special talent when she encounters two secret societies in pursuit of a valuable artifact stolen from the London museum for which her parents work.

### Science Fiction

Stewart, Trenton Lee. ***The Mysterious Benedict Society.***

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

### Historical Fiction

Curtis, Christopher Paul. ***Elijah of Buxton.*** (Newbery Honor 2008)

In 1859, eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

Selznick, Brian. ***The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures.***  
(Caldecott Award, 2008)

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

### Mystery

Curtis, Christopher Paul. ***Mr. Chickee's Messy Mission.***

Flint Future Detective Club members, Steve Carter and his friends, Russell and Richelle, follow Russell's dog, Rodney Rodent, into a mural to chase a demonic-looking gnome, only to find the mysterious Mr. Chickee on the other side.

Snyder, Zilpha. ***The Treasures of Weatherby.***

Determined to be as strong and powerful as the first Harleigh, twelve-year-old Harleigh Fourth, and an equally diminutive new friend, try to foil the plans of a distant relative who is seeking the long-lost Weatherby fortune.

### Poetry

Carroll, Lewis. ***Jabberwocky: The Classic Poem from Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking Glass.***

The author's famous poem is given a modern visual twist as the Jabberwocky becomes a fourteen-fingered, slam-dunking beast on the basketball court.

Myers, Walter Dean. ***Jazz.*** (Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor 2007)

Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate the roots of jazz music.

### Biography

Burleigh, Ross. ***Stealing home: Jackie Robinson, Against the Odds.***

Presents the life and accomplishments of the baseball player who became the first African American to play in the major leagues and who led the Brooklyn Dodgers to six National League pennants and one World Series championship.

Giblin, James Cross. ***The Many Rides of Paul Revere.***

From his humble days as the son of a French immigrant through his significant involvement in the insurgency against England, this biography provides a look at the life and accomplishments of an American hero.

### Non-Fiction

Burns, Loree Griffin. ***Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and The Science of Ocean Motion.***

Describes the work of scientist Curtis Ebbesmeyer, whose multiyear project of tracking plastic items accidentally spilled by ocean cargo ships has heightened awareness of the dangers that these items present to ocean life and has inspired similar projects for other types of debris.

Morpurgo, Michael. ***Beowulf***.

A retelling of Britain's oldest epic vividly brings to life a Scandinavian warrior named Beowulf who, after defeating two great evils, meets his match in the death-dragon of the deep, Grendel.

Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village***. (Newbery Award 2008)

A collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor.

Scott, Elaine. ***When is a Planet Not a Planet: The Story of Pluto***.

Explains how advancements in technology have changed our understanding of the universe and why the number of planets in the solar system went down from nine to eight.

***\*The above summaries supplied by the title verso page, and Baker & Taylor.***

## **Titles Recommended by past fourth and fifth graders for incoming fourth and fifth graders to read:**

*\*Find descriptions and reviews for these books at Amazon.com, or your public library's online catalog.*

### **Fourth Grade Recommended:**

Avi. ***Crispin***.

Balliett, Blue. ***Chasing Vermeer***.

Blume, Judy. ***Fudge-A-Mania***.

Colfer, Eoin. ***Artamis Fowl*** Series.

Creech, Sharon. ***Ruby Holler***.

Du Prau, Jeanne. ***City of Ember***.

Gutman, Dan. ***The Million Dollar Shot***.

Haddix Margaret Peterson. ***Among the Hidden***.

Levine, Gail Carson. ***Fairest***.

Lowry, Lois. ***Number the Stars***.

Nimmo, Jenny. ***Midnight for Charlie Bone*** series.

Reiche, Dietlof. ***Freddy to the Rescue***, Book Three in the Golden Hamster Saga.

### **Fifth Grade Recommended:**

Cabbot, Meg. ***All American Girl***.

Clements, Andrew. ***Room One***.

Cutler, Jane. ***No Dogs Allowed***.

Farmer, Nancy. ***The House of the Scorpion***.

Fitshugh, Louise. ***Harriet the Spy***.

Funke, Cornelia. ***The Thief Lord***.

Gutman, Dan. ***The Homework Machine***.

Hiaasen, Carl. ***Flush***.

Horwitz, Anthony. The Alex Rider Series.

Kessler, Liz. ***The Tail of Emily Windsnap***.

Juster, Norton. ***The Phantom Tollbooth***.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***Shiloh***.

Riordan, Rick. Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series.

Spinelli, Jerry. ***Crash***.

Twain, Mark. ***The Prince and the Pauper***.

## Classics:

*\*Find descriptions and reviews for these books at Amazon.com, or your public library's online catalog.*

Alcott, Louisa. ***Little Women***

***Arabian Nights***

Babbitt, Natalie. ***Tuck Everlasting***

Baker, E.D. ***The Frog Princess***

Banks, Lynn. ***Indian in the Cupboard***

Barrie, James. ***Peter Pan***

Barron, T.A. ***Lost Years of Merlin***

Baum, L. Frank. ***The Wizard of Oz***

Burnett, Frances. ***The Secret Garden***

***A Little Princess***

Byars, Betsy. Any of her books.

Carroll, Lewis. ***Alice in Wonderland***

Christopher, Matt. His sports books.

Clements, Andrew. Any of his books.

Curtis, Christopher. ***Bud, not Buddy***

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Because of Winn-Dixie***

***Tale of Despereaux***

DiTerlizzi, Tony. ***The Spiderwick Chronicles***

Dixon, Franklin. Hardy Boy mysteries

Eager, Edward. Any of his books

Farley, Walter. ***The Black Stallion***

Funke, Cornelia. ***The Thief Lord***

George, Jean Craighead. ***My Side of the Mountain***

Gipson, Fred. ***Old Yeller***

Gutman, Dan. Sports stories.

Hannigan, Katherine. ***Ida B.***

Hiaason, Carl. ***Hoot***

Horvath, Polly. ***Everything on a Waffle***

Ibbotson, Eva. Any of her novels.

Keene, Carolyn. Nancy Drew mysteries

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

***Frankweiler***

Lewis, C.S. ***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***

Paolini, Christopher. ***Eragon***

Paulsen, Gary. ***Hatchet***

Rodda, Emily. Deltora Quest series, Rowan series

Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter series

Ryan, Pam. ***Esperanza Rising***

Sachar, Louis. ***Holes***

Sewell, Anna. ***Black Beauty***

Sharp, Margery. ***The Rescuers***

Spyri, Johanna. **Heidi**  
Stevenson, Robert . **Treasure Island**  
Travers, P.L. **Mary Poppins**  
Verne, Jules. **20,000 Leagues under the Sea**  
**Journey to the Center of the Earth**  
White, E.B. **Charlotte's Web**  
**Stuart Little**  
Wilder, Laura. **Little House** series

## Exiting 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Recommend....

...in their own words...

Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***Fever***. Historical Fiction

Mattie Cook lives in 1793 and yellow fever strikes many people. She has to fight in order to stay alive.

Baker, E.D. ***The Frog Princess***. Fantasy

A girl kisses a frog and then turns into one and has many adventures.

Buckley, Michael. ***The Sisters Grimm*** series. Fantasy

Two sisters are fairy tale detectives.

Byng, Georgia. ***Molly Moon and the Book of Hypnotism***. Fantasy

Molly is a girl who has a rough life. When she goes to the library she finds a book that will change her life forever.

Dahl, Ronald. ***Matilda***. Fantasy

Matilda is a six year old genius who has the power to move things with her eyes. Her mom and dad are crooks and don't like her. She uses her power to get revenge on her scary parents and principal. (And saves her favorite teacher Miss. Honey.)

Dubois, William Penn. ***The Twenty-One Balloons***. Fantasy

A guy builds a hot air balloon, then he crashes on an island and meets interesting people. There is a huge volcano, so they have to escape very quickly off the island.

Eager, Edward. ***Half Magic***. Fantasy

Four kids find a coin that makes all their wishes come true.

Feinstein, John. ***Last Shot***. Realistic Fiction

Steven Thomas and Susan Carol win a writing contest and are invited to the NCAA March Madness Final Four. Then it takes a twist, the star point guard for MSU is being blackmailed and Steven and Susan are the ones to stop it.

Funk, Corneila. ***Inkheart***. Fantasy

On one dark night an evil king named Capricorn comes out of the pages of Inkheart.

Green, Tim. ***Football Hero***. Sports

This book is about as close as you get to football without putting on pads and taking the field.

Hunter, Erin. ***Warriors: The Lost Warrior***. Fantasy

When Graystripe, a Thunderclan Warrior, attempts to save his clan, he gets captured by Twolegs (humans!). Can he escape, or will he stay in the home and never see the forest again?

Martin, Ann M. ***The Babysitters Club*** series. Realistic Fiction  
Three girls start a babysitter's agency and they go through all sorts of problems.

Rowling, J.K. ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*** (Book 1)  
Harry Potter realizes he is a famous wizard and starts his first year at a wizard school called Hogwarts, but when he and his friends discover a mysterious stone that can help you live forever, they must save it from evil Lord Voldemort.

Paulsen, Gary. ***Hatchet***. Adventure  
A boy named Brian gets lost on a bush plane and crashes in a forest, so he needs to learn how to survive.