

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading

3 books: 1 required and 2 free choice Required: Choose between: Robinson Crusoe by Daniel DeFoe Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Since most children of this age can read the majority of grade-level books for themselves, the following list will include a majority of independent

reads, though there are a few that can be chosen as family read alouds, as <u>research</u> has proven that reading aloud into adulthood has a beneficial effect. Keep in mind that a Listening Vocabulary is almost always much higher than a Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read aloud a book that is above current school reading level, and most children will be able to understand it. After reading a short passage (and reading the illustrations as well), we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. Picture narrations are also a fun way to enliven the story while increasing comprehension.

The following is not an exhaustive list, but rather some of our particular favorites! There are obviously many more good books that are available. If you seek advice from a librarian, note that the terminology most librarians will best understand is "classic literature," which for our purposes we call "living" books. Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family.

We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of the imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy versus reality and the proper guidelines therein.

If a title is not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores, both <u>physical</u> and <u>virtual</u>. A great summer activity is to visit some of the physical bookstores in your area and see what they have to offer. A must-see is The Story Shop in Monroe, Georgia! Do not neglect the <u>power</u> of <u>audiobooks</u>, as they are great opportunities for everyone to listen and bond as a family. They can also help with books set in a different locale, as the narrators are often from that particular culture. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. If you like to purchase books, consider thriftbooks.com!

Other Reading Lists:

goodandbeautiful.com/summer-reading/

(You can sign up for an account (no cost to you at all) and access their Summer Reading 2024 -orgoodandbeautifulbooklist.com/my-book-list/

Click on "My Book List" after choosing your parameters (age, interest, etc.). After your list populates, select the pink button (Download and Print List)

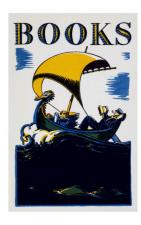
https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/boys-8-12/https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/girls-8-12/

Don't forget audiobooks!

https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/audiobooks-8-12/ (See links for additional audiobooks above)

https://heritagemom.com/heritage-mom-book-recommendations/

Heritage Mom is Amber O'Neal Johnston, a homeschool mom and curator of books/items for people of color. She has a vast collection of books by grade/history, etc.



Summer Reading List for Rising 7th Grade Students

Alcott, Louisa May Andreola ,Karen Avi Babbitt, Natalie Burnett, Frances Hodgson Carroll, Lewis Carter, Forest Crane, Stephen DeFoe, Daniel Dickens, Charles

Farley, Carin

Forbes, Esther George, Jean Craighead Jo's Boys, Eight Cousins, Jack and Jill, Little Men
Beautiful Girlhood
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
Tuck Everlasting
The Secret Garden
Alice's Adventure in Wonderland
The Education of Little Tree
Red Badge of Courage
Robinson Crusoe
The Cricket on the Hearth, A Christmas Carol, A Tale of Two
Cities
Duel in the Wilderness (about George Washington and the
French/Indian War)
Johnny Tremain

Julie of the Wolves

Gipson, Fred Grahame, Kenneth Henry, Marguerite Kamkwamba, William

Karwoski, Gail

Krensky, Stephen LasCasas, Bartholomew

Lunn, Janet

MacDonald, George Magnuson, Sally Marshall, Catherine McGill, Alice McPherson, Joyce Neville, Emily O'Dell, Scott

O'Hara, Mary Park, Linda Sue Pyle, Howard

Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

Sewall, Anna

Stevenson, Robert Louis

Tolkien , J.R.R. Travers, P.L.

Ullman, James Ramsey

Verne, Jules

Farley, Walter

Old Yeller

Wind in the Willows King of the Wind

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (true story set in Africa)

Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and

Clark

Conqueror and Hero: The Search for Alexander, A Biography The Log of Christopher Columbus' First Voyage to America

The Root Cellar

At the Back of the North Wind

The Flying Scotsman: A Biography about Eric Liddell

Christy

Molly Bannaky

A Piece of the Mountain: The Biography of Blaise Pascal

It's like That

Island of the Blue Dolphin, The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by

Day

My Friend, Flicka A Long Walk to Water

The Story of the Champions of the Round Table

The Yearling Black Beauty Kidnapped

The Lord of the Rings

Mary Poppins Banner in the Sky

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Around the World

in 80 Days

The Black Stallion