



2011 8th Grade Summer Reading List

All summer reading books are available in paperback and will be sold at our end of year book fair.

Since Sutton is an IB school, it seems fitting that our summer reading theme should be exploring other cultures. Reading novels set in other countries or about people from other cultures is a great way to improve our global awareness. Most of the titles on this suggested list also tie into the social studies curriculum.

**Georgia’s English/Language Arts standards for middle school students:
students are required to read a minimum of 25 grade-level appropriate books per year, or 1,000,000 words.**

To get started on that goal for the 2011-2012 school year, **students must read at least three books from the attached list during the summer.** Students are encouraged to read additional books, including other titles by these authors. Titles nominated for the Georgia Book Award for 2012 may be found at (http://www.gcbac.com/pdfs/BookAwardNominees2011_2012.pdf).

The PTA and Media Center are sponsoring a Summer Reading Incentive Program to support our students’ academic growth and reading. To be eligible for the PTA/Media Center Summer Reading Incentive Program, students must:

- Complete a Summer Reading Summary Sheet for each book read that includes title, author, 3 facts about the book, author’s purpose or theme. A sample summary sheet may be downloaded from the Sutton website.
- Please give the completed summary sheets to Mrs. George or Ms. Marsh.

Incentives

1 or 2 books: students will receive a special bookmark	5 books: students will receive \$5 in Scholastic bucks
3 books: students will receive \$3 in Scholastic bucks	6 or more books: student will receive \$5 in Scholastic bucks PLUS a Pizza Party
4 books: students will receive \$4 in Scholastic bucks	1,000,000+ Word Readers will receive special recognition at the end of the year

Book Title & Synopsis	Author	Lexile Score (See CRCT Results)
<i>For more information on the titles, please visit www.barnesandnoble.com or www.amazon.com</i>		
<i>Tuck Everlasting:</i> Imagine coming upon a fountain of youth in a forest. To live forever--isn't that everyone's ideal?	Babbitt	770L
<i>Boy in the Striped Pajamas:</i> Through the eyes of an innocent nine-year-old boy named Bruno, readers become complicit bystanders, observing some of the horrors of the Holocaust.	Boyne	1080L
<i>And Then There Were None:</i> The story of 10 strangers, each lured to Indian Island by a mysterious host.	Christie	570L
<i>Bird Lake Moon:</i> There are ghosts at Bird Lake, and they're haunting Mitch Sinclair and Spencer Stone.	Henkes	740L
<i>That Was Then This Is Now:</i> Portrait of the bond between best friends Bryon and Mark and the tensions that develop between them as they begin to grow up and grow apart.	Hinton	780L
<i>Bearstone:</i> Fourteen-year-old Cloyd Atcitty has been skipping school for years. He's run away from a group home for Native American boys, and is now being sent to work for Walter Landis, an old rancher on an isolated Colorado farm.	Hobbs	780L
<i>Day of Tears:</i> Historical fiction written in first-person format that follows Emma, the slave of Pierce Butler.	Lester	NA
<i>Messenger:</i> Matty, who has lived in Village with the blind Seer since running away from an abusive childhood, is looking forward to receiving his true name, which he hopes will be Messenger.	Lowery	720L
<i>Gathering Blue:</i> Kira, newly orphaned and lame from birth, is taken from the turmoil of the village to live in the grand Council Edifice because of her skill at embroidery.	Lowry	680L
<i>The Glory Field:</i> Chronicles the African American experience through the lives and times of one family, beginning in 1753 with the capture of Muhammed Bilal in Sierra Leone.	Myers	800L
<i>Soldier’s Heart:</i> Based on the life of a real boy, it tells the story of Charley Goddard, who lies his way into the Union Army at the age of 15.	Paulsen	1000L
<i>Behind the Blue and Gray:</i> The fears, horrors, boredom, and simple, transitory pleasures of these young men are brought into sharp focus by the many first-person writings.	Ray	1120L
<i>When I was Puerto Rican:</i> Santiago's artful memoir recounts her childhood in rural Puerto Rico and her teenage years in New York City.	Santiago	1020L
<i>Is It Still Cheating If I Don’t Get Caught?:</i> This appealing guide speaks to the ethical dilemmas that all young people experience in their daily lives, and it should prompt considerable conversation and reflection.	Weinstein	1080L
<i>Someone Named Eva:</i> When resistance fighters assassinated the highest ranking Nazi officer in Czechoslovakia, Hitler sought revenge on the small village of Lidice.	Wolf	820L