

## Mabry Middle School Grade 7 Summer Reading 2007

Research has shown that the amount and quality of student reading and writing are major factors in student success. Mabry seeks to maximize student achievement by improving reading and writing. Georgia Performance Standards require all Middle School students to read at least 25 books (of 150 pages or more) for 2007-2008. **Students must read 3 books** this summer, but may count up to 5 books as part of the reading standard's requirement.

1. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will read The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo. Answer the Book Chat questions for this book. Be sure to use complete sentences and write well-constructed paragraphs. You will discuss this book and turn in your written work the first week of school.
2. Choose 2 additional books from the list on the back of this sheet.
3. After the 3 books are read, you may read 2 more books of your choice. These books may be from the list, but do not have to be on the list.
4. Keep a reading log for all books you read. You may make as many copies of the reading log as you need. Keep the reading log in a safe place; it is the official record of your summer reading. **No other documentation of your reading will be accepted.** You must turn in the completed reading log when school begins in August in order to receive credit for reading your books.

### The Tiger Rising Book Chat Questions

1. Quote a few lines from the book that had an impact on your thinking. Describe your reaction(s) as you read those lines. (1 paragraph)
2. What message(s) do you think the author is trying to give you as you read the book? (1-2 paragraphs)
3. Describe how the main character deals with problems. Give examples from the book, and include the page numbers. (2-3 paragraphs)
4. Describe how the main character changes from the beginning of the book to the end of the story. Give examples from the book to support your description. (2-3 paragraphs)

## Grade 7 Summer Reading Selections 2007

The Black Arrow by Robert Louis Stevenson

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary

"Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy by L.A. Meyer

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Crash by Jerry Spinelli

The Dark Pond by Joseph Bruchac

Daughter of the Wind by Michael Cadnum

Flush by Carl Hiaasen

Ghost Boy by Iain Lawrence

The Goblin Wood by Hilari Bell

The Gorillas of Gill Park by Amy Gordon

Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates by Mary Mapes Dodge

Heaven Eyes by David Almond

How to Disappear Completely and Never be Found

by Sara Nickerson

The Journey that Saved Curious George by Louise Borden

Lord of the Deep by Graham Salisbury

Lord of the Kill by Theodore Taylor

Raven's Gate by Anthony Horowitz

Romeo and Juliet-- Together (and alive!) at Last by Avi

The Shadow Club by Neal Shusterman

The Singer of All Songs by Kate Constable

So B. It by Sarah Weeks

Time Stops for No Mouse by Michael Hoeye

Turnabout by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Wanted! By Caroline B. Cooney

## **Mabry Reading Requirements**

Georgia Performance Standards require each student in middle school to read a **minimum of 25 grade level appropriate books** (of 150 pages or more) and/or book equivalents per year (to total approximately one million words).

- Reading is to include fiction and nonfiction books.
- Reading is to include several different genres, and include technical works.
- Reading is to be done in a variety of curricular classes (Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, etc.).
- Reading is to be done throughout the school year.

**All students are expected to meet or exceed the Georgia Performance Standard. Up to 5 summer reading books will count toward the reading standard requirement. The remaining books/equivalents will be read throughout the school year.**

## **Mabry Reading Awards**

The Media Center rewards reading in the following ways:

1. Students who read 25 different books (150 pages or more) receive a reading medal.
2. Students who read 50 different books (150 pages or more) receive a reading medal and a reading trophy.
3. Students who read 100 different books (150 pages or more) receive a reading medal, a reading trophy, a reading plaque, and have their name on the "Mabry 100 Club" plaque, which is displayed in the Media Center.

**A special prize is awarded to the top reader in each grade.**

**ALL books read must be books the student has not previously read. ALL reading must be documented on the reading log. Reading log entries will be used to verify that students meet the Georgia Performance Standard, and to determine eligibility for the various reading awards. Summer reading additional to the 3-5 books counted towards the Georgia Performance Standard will be counted toward the reading awards.**