

## Grade 8 Summer Reading 2007

Georgia Performance Standards require all Middle School students to read at least 25 books (of 150 pages or more) during the 2007-2008 school term. **Students must read 3 books** this summer, but may count up to 5 books as part of the reading standard's requirement.

Improving reading and writing are important goals at Mabry as we seek to maximize student achievement. Research has shown that the amount and quality of student reading and writing are major factors in student success.

Books selected for the summer reading list are a combination of classic and contemporary literature that has been professionally reviewed and recommended for quality, content, and middle school appropriateness.

1. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will read The Pearl by John Steinbeck. There will be a thorough assessment on this book the first week of school. A written test will be given, and the book will be discussed orally.
2. Choose 2 additional books from the list to read.
3. After the 3 books are read, you may elect to read 2 more books of your choice. Those books may be selected from the list, but they do not have to be from 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 for reading the books 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.

## Grade 8 Summer Reading Selections 2007

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Blizzard's Wake by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier

Code Orange by Caroline B. Cooney

Code Talker: a Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two

by Joseph Bruchac

Crossing the Panther's Path by Elizabeth Alder

Deathwatch by Robb White

Double Dutch by Sharon M. Draper

Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke

Eagle Strike by Anthony Horowitz

Forbidden Forest: the Story of Little John and Robin Hood

by Michael Cadnum

Guerrilla Season by Pat Hughes

Hickory, Dickory, Dock by Agatha Christie

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman? by Eleanor Updale

Nobody Else Has To Know by Ingrid Torney

Of Human Bondage by William Somerset Maugham

The Revealers by Doug Wilhelm

Room in the Heart by Sonia Levitin

Run, Boy, Run by Uri Orlev

The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman

The Secret School by Avi

Sniper by Theodore Taylor

The Year of the Hangman by Gary L. Blackwood

The Wayfinder by Darcy Pattison

## **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.**