

Cary Academy Summer Reading List (2008)--Rising Grade 8

Required Reading:

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

This novel will serve as a springboard for class discussions and assessments in the initial weeks of the new school year. We encourage students to review the novel close to the first day of school in August.

Guided Reading

This year's "Top 12" guided reading list was constructed from: 1) the "favorite books read all year" list of the current class of 8th graders at Cary Academy; 2) the "best of the best" list of the American Library Association's Best Books for Young Adults; and 3) recommendations from Cary Academy teachers. Students should choose at least one book from this list to read over the summer.

1. *Twilight*--Stephenie Meyer
2. *Ender's Shadow*--Orson Scott Card
3. *Heart of a Champion*--Carl Deuker
4. *Lock and Key*--Sarah Dessen
5. *The Book Thief*--Markus Zusak
6. *Eragon*--Christopher Paolini
7. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*--Douglas Adams
8. *Flowers for Algernon*--Daniel Keyes
9. *The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm*--Nancy Farmer
10. *Tomorrow, When the War Began*--John Marsden
11. *Swallowing Stones*--Joyce McDonald
12. *If You Come Softly*--Jacqueline Woodson

Cary Academy Summer Reading List--Rising Grade 7

Required Reading:

The King's Shadow by Elizabeth Alder

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Guided Reading:

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1. *Ranger's Apprentice* (series)--John Flanagan
2. *The Golden Compass*--Philip Pullman
3. *A Wrinkle in Time*--Madeleine L'Engle
4. *The Thief* (series)--Megan Whelan Turner
5. *Travel Team* (and sequel *Summer Ball*)--Mike Lapica
6. *Night Hoops*--Carl Deuker
7. *Daughter of the Forest* (*The Sevenwaters Trilogy*)--Juliet Marillier
8. *The Hobbit*--J.R.R. Tolkien
9. *The Sea of Trolls*--Nancy Farmer
10. *A Great and Terrible Beauty*--Libba Bray
11. *Death on the Nile*--Agatha Christie
12. *Walk Two Moons*--Sharon Creech

Cary Academy Summer Reading List (2008)--Rising Grade 6

Required Reading:

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

The Giver by Lois Lowry (*See note below.*)

All rising sixth graders are required to read two summer reading books: *Gathering Blue* and *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. If your child has previously read *The Giver*, he or she may pick an alternate book from the "Guided Reading" list below.

Guided Reading:

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1. *The Mysterious Benedict Society*--Trenton Lee Stewart
2. *Fig Pudding*--Ralph Fletcher
3. *Hoot*--Carl Hiaasen
4. *Inkheart*--Cornelia Funke
5. *A Girl Named Disaster*--Nancy Farmer
6. *Far North*--Will Hobbs
7. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*--J.K. Rowling
8. *The Big Field*--Mike Lapica
9. *Over Sea, Under Stone*--Susan Cooper
10. *A Day No Pigs Would Die*--Robert Peck
11. *Peter and the Star Catchers*--Dale Barry and Ridley Pearson
12. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*--Joanne Greene