

The Independent Reading Program Hopkinton Middle School

The Independent Reading Program for the Hopkinton Middle School consists of two components that balance the reading of a common, required title with the reading of diverse, optional titles based on personal choice.

For students entering grades six through eight, one common novel must be read over the summer, with the required reading assessed in September. After completing the required reading, students are encouraged to select and read at least three more titles over the course of the year, choosing from a diverse selection of approved titles found at the end of this document. Students completing this additional reading will receive institutional recognition.

Hopkinton Middle School

Required Independent Reading Program

All students entering grades 6 to 8 are required to read one novel over the summer months. Your child's English teacher at Hopkinton Middle School will assess the required novel upon their return to school. The assessment will require your child to identify the basic facts and main ideas in the novel, and to supply quotes or information from the book to support his/her thoughts about one or more of the following: character development, theme, literary or historical context, and/or the author's use of language (mood, imagery, etc.).

The grade will be recorded separately on the first quarter report card under the title "Required Independent Reading, with students earning either a "P" or an "F". Students who transfer into the district that do not have an adequate opportunity to read the required novel (on or after August 20, 2009), or students excused from reading the required novel for medical or other reasons, will receive an "Incomplete" and will have until the end of the first quarter to read the book and take the required assessment. Students with an Individualized Education Plan that includes reading support can ask their liaison for a graphic organizer / appropriate instructional materials to help with the required novel. Limited copies of the required titles are available at the Hopkinton Town Library. Area bookstores including Barnes & Noble and Coffee Haven Books in Holliston should also have the required titles in stock.

- Students entering grade 6 will read *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt.
- Students entering grade 7 will read *So Far from the Bamboo Grove* by Yoko Kawashima Watkins.
- Students entering grade 8 will read *Chernowitz!* by Fran Arrick.

Encouraged Independent Reading Program

Hopkinton Middle School encourages all students to read additional titles beyond the required title. To promote and support independent reading, any Hopkinton Middle School student who reads three additional titles from the following list of approved books between July 1, 2009 and June 1, 2010 will receive a "P" on their Middle School transcript under the title "Independent Reading Program." Any student who failed the fall assessment on the required title is still eligible to participate in the Encouraged Independent Reading Program, but must read at least four of the approved titles to earn recognition.

When a student completes a book, the signature of a parent/legal guardian is sufficient proof that the reading has been completed. Signature pages need to be submitted to the student's guidance counselor on

or before June 1, 2009, so the grade may be reflected on the transcript. Included below is a sign-off sheet that lists the approved titles and provides a space for the parent/legal guardian to sign once the student has completed a book.

Program-approved titles for 2009-10 - open to all students in all grades. If your son/daughter chooses to participate in the Encouraged Independent Reading Program, please return this sheet (with a minimum of three parental/guardian signatures) to your child’s Guidance Counselor at Hopkinton Middle School on or before June 1, 2010.

Approved Titles for Encouraged Independent Reading Program

| Author | Title | Parental / Guardian Signature with date |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Adams, Douglas | Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy | |
| Adams, Richard | Watership Down | |
| Alcott, Louisa May | Little Women | |
| Almond, David | Skellig | |
| Almond, David | Kit's Wilderness | |
| An Na | A Step From Heaven | |
| Anderson, Laurie Halse | Fever 1793 | |
| Armstrong, Jennifer | Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World | |
| Asimov, Isaac | Fantastic Voyage | |
| Avi | Something Upstairs | |
| Avi | Crispin: The Cross of Lead | |
| Avi | Nothing But the Truth | |
| Avi | Magic, Midnight | |
| Bagnold, Enid | National Velvet | |
| Baker, Julie | Up Molasses Mountain | |
| Barrie, James | Peter Pan | |
| Barron, T.A. | The Lost Years of Merlin | |
| Bauer, Joan | Hope Was Here | |
| Bauer, Joan | Rules of the Road | |
| Bauer, Joan | Squashed | |
| Bauer, Joan | Stand Tall | |
| Bell, Hilary | The Goblin Wood | |
| Bellairs, John | The Figure in the Shadow | |
| Billingsley, Franny | The Folk Keeper | |
| Blackwood, Gary | Shakespeare Stealer | |
| Bloor, Edward | Tangerine | |
| Bond, Nancy | A String in the Harp | |
| Bradbury, Ray | Fahrenheit 451 | |
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| Bruchac, Joseph | Sacajawea | |
| Burnett, Frances Hogdson | The Secret Garden | |
| Burnford, Sheila | The Incredible Journey | |
| Carter, Forest | The Education of Little Tree | |
| Chabon, Michael | Summerland | |
| Choldenko, Gennifer | Al Capone Does My Shirts | |
| Christie, Agatha | And Then There Were None | |
| Clark, Arthur C. | 2001: A Space Odyssey | |
| Cleaver, Vera | Where the Lilies Bloom | |
| Clements, Andrew | A Week in the Woods | |
| Coerr, Eleanor | Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes | |
| Colfer, Eoin | Artemis Fowl series | |
| Colman, Penny | Girls; A History of Growing Up Female in America | |
| Cooper, James Fenimore | Last of the Mohicans | |
| Cooper, Susan | King of the Shadows | |
| Cooper, Susan | The Dark is Rising sequence | |
| Cooper, Susan | The Boggart | |
| Creech, Sharon | The Wanderer | |
| Crichton, Michael | The Andromeda Strain | |
| Crossley-Holland, Kevin | The Seeing Stone | |
| Crutcher, Chris | Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes | |
| Curtis, Christopher P. | The Watsons Go to Birmingham | |
| Cushman, Karen | The Midwife's Apprentice | |
| Cushman, Karen | Matilda Bone | |
| Cushman, Karen | Rodzina | |
| Danziger, Paula | P.S. Longer Letter Later | |
| DeFelice, Cynthia | Weasel | |
| DeFelice, Cynthia | The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker | |
| Defoe, Daniel | Robinson Crusoe | |
| Deford, Frank | Alex: The Life of a Child | |
| DiCamillo, Kate | The Tale of Despereaux | |
| Doyle, Arthur Conan | The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes | |
| Dumas, Alexander | The Count of Monte Cristo | |
| DuPrau, Jeanne | The City of Ember | |
| DuPrau, Jeanne | The People of Sparks | |
| Eager, Edward | Half Magic | |
| Eckert, Allen W. | Incident at Hawk's Hill | |
| Erdrich, Louise | The Birchbark House | |
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| Farley, Walter | The Black Stallion | |
| Farmer, Nancy | The House of the Scorpion | |
| Farmer, Nancy | A Girl Named Disaster | |
| Fleischman, John | Phineas Gage | |
| Fleischman, Paul | Whirligig | |
| Fleischman, Paul | Mind's Eye | |
| Fleishman, Sid | The 13th Floor | |
| Fletcher, Ralph | Spider Boy | |
| Fletcher, Susan | Shadow Spinner | |
| Forbes, Esther | Johnny Tremain | |
| Frank, Anne | Diary of a Young Girl | |
| Freedman, Russell | Eleanor Roosevelt | |
| Freedman, Russell | Lincoln: A Photobiography | |
| Funke, Cornelia | Inkheart | |
| Gantos, Jack | Joey Pigza titles | |
| George, Jean Craighead | Julie of the Wolves | |
| George, Jean Craighead | My Side of the Mountain | |
| Gibson, William | The Miracle Worker | |
| Giff, Patricia Reilly | Nory Ryan's Song | |
| Giff, Patricia Reilly | Pictures of Hollis Woods | |
| Gilbreth, Frank | Cheaper by the Dozen | |
| Gipson, Fred | Old Yeller | |
| Grahame, Kenneth | The Wind in the Willows | |
| Griffin, John Howard | Black Like Me | |
| Gunther, John | Death Be Not Proud | |
| Haddix, Margaret Peterson | Takeoffs and Landings | |
| Haddix, Margaret Peterson | Turnabout | |
| Hahn, Mary Downing | Time For Andrew | |
| Hahn, Mary Downing | Wait Till Helen Comes | |
| Hahn, Mary Downing | Stepping on the Cracks | |
| Hakim, Joy | The Story of Science: Aristotle Leads the Way | |
| Hautzig, Ester | The Endless Steppe | |
| Henkes, Kevin | Olive's Ocean | |
| Herriot, James | All Creatures Great and Small | |
| Hesse, Karen | Phoenix Rising | |
| Heyerdahl, Thor | Kon-Tiki | |
| Hiassen, Carl | Hoot | |
| Hickam, Homer | Rocket Boys | |
| Hilton, James | Goodbye Mr. Chips | |
| Hobbs, Will | All titles | |
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| Holt, Kimberly Willis | When Zachary Beaver Came to Town | |
| Holt, Kimberly Willis | Dancing in Cadillac Light | |
| Hoose, Philip | The Race to Save the Lord God Bird | |
| Horowitz, Anthony | Stormbreaker | |
| Horvath, Polly | Everything on a Waffle | |
| Hunt, Irene | Across Five Aprils | |
| Ibbotson, Eva | The Star of Kazan | |
| Jacques, Brian | Redwall series | |
| Jiang, Ji Li | Red Scarf Girl | |
| Jiménez, Francisco | Breaking Through | |
| Jones, Ron | The Acorn People | |
| Juster, Norton | The Phantom Tollbooth | |
| Kadohata, Cynthia | Kira Kira | |
| Keith, Harold | Rifles for Waitie | |
| Keller, Helen | The Story of My Life | |
| Kipling, Rudyard | The Jungle Book | |
| Kipling, Rudyard | Captains Courageous | |
| Kipling, Rudyard | Kim | |
| Kjelgaard, Jim | Big Red | |
| Konigsburg, E.L. | Silent to the Bone | |
| Konigsburg, E.L. | The View From Saturday | |
| Krakauer, Jon | Into Thin Air | |
| Krumgold, Joseph | Onion John | |
| Lasky, Kathryn | Beyond the Burning Time | |
| Lauber, Patricia | Volcano | |
| Lawrence, Ian | Lord of the Nutcracker Men | |
| Leguin, Ursula | Wizard of Earthsea series | |
| L'Engle, Madeleine | A Wrinkle in Time | |
| Levine, Gail Carson | Dave at Night | |
| London, Jack | Call of the Wild | |
| Lowry, Lois | A Summer to Die | |
| Lupica, Mike | Travel Team | |
| Lynch, Chris | Gold Dust | |
| MacLachlan, Patricia | Baby | |
| Magorian, Michelle | Good Night, Mr. Tom | |
| Marshall, James | Walkabout | |
| Martin, Ann | A Corner of the Universe | |
| Mazer, Norma Fox | Out of Control | |
| McCaffrey, Anne | Dragon series | |
| McCaughrean, Geraldine | The Kite Rider | |
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| McGraw, Eloise | The Moorchild | |
| Mikaelsen, Ben | Touching Spirit Bear | |
| Mikaelsen, Ben | Countdown | |
| Montgomery, L.M. | Anne of Green Gables | |
| Murphy, Jim | Blizzard! | |
| Myers, Walter Dean | Monster | |
| Myers, Walter Dean | The Greatest: Muhammed Ali | |
| Napoli, Donna Jo | Daughter of Venice | |
| Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds | Shiloh Season | |
| Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds | Sang Spell | |
| Nelson, Theresa | Ruby Electric | |
| Nimmo, Jenny | Midnight for Charlie Bone | |
| North, Sterling | Rascal | |
| O'Dell, Scott | Sing Down the Moon | |
| O'Dell, Scott | Sarah Bishop | |
| Oppel, Kenneth | Airborn | |
| Paolini, Christopher | Eragon | |
| Park, Linda Sue | A Single Shard | |
| Paterson, Katherine | The Same Stuff as Stars | |
| Paterson, Katherine | Bridge to Terebithia | |
| Paulsen, Gary | Brian's Hunt | |
| Paulsen, Gary | The Transall Saga | |
| Peck, Richard | Fair Weather | |
| Peck, Richard | The River Between Us | |
| Philbrick, Nathaniel | In the Heart of the Sea | |
| Philbrick, Rodman | Freak the Mighty | |
| Pringle, Laurence | An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a Monarch Butterfly | |
| Pullman, Philip | Golden Compass | |
| Rawlings, Marjorie | The Yearling | |
| Rawls, Wilson | Where the Red Fern Grows | |
| Reeder, Carolyn | Shades of Gray | |
| Reeve, Philip | Mortal Engines | |
| Richter, Conrad | The Light in the Forest | |
| Rinaldi, Ann | In My Father's House, also any title | |
| Ritter, John H. | The Boy Who Saved Baseball | |
| Roberts, Willo Davis | Megan's Island | |
| Roberts, Willo Davis | The View From the Cherry Tree | |
| Rottman, S.L. | Hero | |
| Rowling, J.K. | Harry Potter series | |
| Rylant, Cynthia | Missing May | |
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| Schmidt, Gary | Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy | |
| Scott, Sir Walter | Ivanhoe | |
| Sewall, Anna | Black Beauty | |
| Slade, Arthur | Dust | |
| Snicket, Lemony | A Series of Unfortunate Events | |
| Snyder, Zilpha Keatley | Cat Running | |
| Sperry, Armstrong | Call it Courage | |
| Spinelli, Jerry | Loser | |
| Spinelli, Jerry | Stargirl | |
| Spyri, Johanna | Heidi | |
| Stanley, Diane | Saladin: Noble Prince of Islam | |
| Staples, Suzanne Fisher | Shabanu | |
| Steinbeck, John | The Red Pony | |
| Stevenson, Robert Louis | Treasure Island | |
| Stewart, Mary | The Hollow Hills | |
| Stoker, Bram | Dracula | |
| Stowe, Harriet Beecher | Uncle Tom's Cabin | |
| Stroud, Jonathan | The Amulet of Samarkand | |
| Swift, Jonathan | Gulliver's Travels | |
| Tolan, Stephanie | Surviving the Applewhites | |
| Tolkien, J.R.R | The Hobbit | |
| Tolkien, J.R.R | The Lord of the Rings - Trilogy | |
| Trueman, Terry | Stuck in Neutral | |
| Verne, Jules | 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea | |
| Voight, Cynthia | Izzy, Willy Nilly | |
| Wells, H.G. | War of the Worlds | |
| Westall, Robert | The Kingdom by the Sea | |
| White, Ruth | Belle Prater's Boy | |
| White, Ryan | Ryan White: My Story | |
| White, T.H. | The Once and Future King | |
| Wilder, Thornton | The Bridge of San Luis Rey | |
| Wolff, Virginia Euwer | Bat 6 | |
| Woodson, Jacqueline | Miracle's Boys | |
| Woodson, Jacqueline | If You Come Softly | |
| Wyss, Johann David | The Swiss Family Robinson | |
| Yolen, Jane | Briar Rose | |
| Zindel, Paul | The Pigman | |
| Zindel, Paul | Loch | |

End of Approved List