

SPMS Summer Reading Requirements

All grade levels are required to read over the summer in preparation for the 2009-2010 school year. Books read during the summer will count towards our new 25 Book Raider Reader's Challenge program that will begin in August 2009 and end in May 2010. We have provided a list below of "great reads" to help guide your reading choices. Each child should choose at least one book from the list below. If you know your child's AR level, and would prefer to choose a different book, then please feel free to choose any book on or above that level.

**** PreAP/PACE** students will have one additional book requirement. **Sixth grade** students must choose an additional book from the list below or a book of their choice at their AR level. **Seventh grade** students must also read *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith. We are asking that the students read the abridged version which is broken into two volumes and has been edited for language. **Eighth grade** students must also read a biography or autobiography of their choice. The biography or autobiography must be at least 150 pages in length. Students should have their assigned books with them the first week of school.

To help guide the process, please consider the following questions:

- What is the conflict and how is it resolved?
- Who are the main characters and how do they change as the story develops?
- How does the setting contribute to the overall mood of the story?
- What is your overall opinion of the book and why do you feel this way?

Upon return to school in August, students will be asked to write an essay based upon the books they have read.

List of Great Reads – Choose at least one book from the list.

The Entertainer and the Dybbuk	Sid Fleischman
Gregor the Overlander (Series)	Suzanne Collins
Runaway	Wendelin Van Draanen
First Light	Rebecca Stead
Sisters Grimm: Fairy Tale Detectives (Series)	Michael Buckley
Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet	Sherri L. Smith
Schooled	Gordon Korman
La Linea	Ann Jaramillo
Go Big or Go Home	Will Hobbs
The Lightning Thief (Series)	Rick Riordan
Gabriel's Horses	Alison Hart
39 Clues (New Series)	Rick Riordan
Airball: My Life in Briefs	L. D. Harkrader
Found	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Dragon Slippers	Jessica Day George
The Kingdom Keepers I and II	Ridley Pearson
The Misadventures of Maude March	Audrey Couloumbis
Wing Nut	Mary Jane Auch
100 Cupboards (New Series)	N D Wilson
All the Lovely Bad Ones	Mary Downing Hahn
Into the Wild	Sarah Beth Durst
Maximum Ride (Series)	James Patterson
The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod (Series)	Heather Brewer
The Adventures of Daniel X	James Patterson