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Seventh Grade Summer Reading List 2009-2010

REQUIRED SUMMER READING: Each student entering seventh grade is required to read Fleischman's *Whirligig* in addition to two books chosen from the list below. Students should complete their reading before the first day of school. We will begin discussing and writing about *Whirligig* during our first classes together. Each student should bring his or her own copy of the paperback to class on the first day, prepared to participate in discussion

A note about summer reading: There are plenty of books on this list that are fun – which is what summer reading is supposed to be. If you start a book and don't like it, put it down and choose something else. You may want to start reading the two optional books early, so you have time to switch if you don't like your first couple of choices.

Required book: *Whirligig*, by Paul Fleischman

General List (choose two books that you have not read before)

Fiction

Abrams, *Down the Rabbit Hole*
Asimov, any book in the *Foundation* series
Boyne, *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*
Brooks, *Moves Make the Man*
Cooper, *The Dark is Rising*
Creech, *Castle Corona*
Crutcher, *Deadline*
Doyle, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
Gaiman, *The Graveyard Book*
Hautman, *Invisible*
Herbert, *Dune* series
Kipling, *Kim*
Konigsburg, *The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World*
L'Engle, *The Arm of the Starfish*
Lipsyte, *The Contender*
Meyer, any one book from the *Twilight* series
Myers, *Monster* or *Slam!*
Paterson, *Jacob Have I Loved*
Pratchett, *The Wee Free Men* or *A Hat Full of Sky*
Rinaldi, *Mine Eyes Have Seen*
Schusterman, *The Schwa Was Here*
Thirkell, *Summer Half*
Tolkein, *The Hobbit*
Twain, *The Prince and the Pauper*
Voigt, *Homecoming* or *A Solitary Blue*
Weeks, *So B. It*

Non-fiction & Autobiography

Brockman, *What Is Your Dangerous Idea?*
Crutcher, *King of the Mild Frontier*
Jennings, *The Century for Young People*
Keller, *The Story of My Life*
King, *On Writing*
Myers, *Bad Boy*
Spade, *Manners*