

LAKE SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUMMER READING LIST

GRADE 8

June 2009

Dear Parents:

The teachers of the English Language Arts Department at Lake Shore Middle and Senior High Schools believe that the key to children's reading success is making their reading experience entertaining, relaxing, and enjoyable. In doing so, children will expand their literary backgrounds, increase their comprehension, and develop a more extensive vocabulary. To that end, we suggest the following list of books for students to read over the summer just for the fun of reading. Of course, your child can read many other books that spark his/her interest that are not on this list. There will be no tests or writing assignments. Just read for the fun and enjoyment of reading!

We suggest browsing the shelves in libraries and bookstores with your child to find several exciting books for summer reading. Possibly read together and discuss the stories. Any reading that your child accomplishes this summer will help improve and enhance his/her reading skills.

For students entering Grade 8:

<i>A Girl Named Disaster</i>	N. Farmer
<i>A Ring of Endless Light</i>	M. L'Engle
<i>Hattie Big Sky</i>	K. Larson
<i>I Am The Cheese</i>	<u>R. Cormier</u>
<i>Penny from Heaven</i>	J. Holm
<i>Rules</i>	C. Lord
<i>Rumble Fish</i>	S.E. Hinton
<i>Sword of Shanara</i>	T. Brooks
<i>Tex</i>	S.E. Hinton
<i>The Dark Stairs</i>	B. Beyers
<i>The Good Earth</i>	P. Buck
<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i>	S. Patron
<i>The Outsiders</i>	S.E. Hinton _
<i>The Pigman</i>	P. Zindel
<i>The Red Pony</i>	J. Steinbeck
<i>The Summer of My German Soldier</i>	B. Greene