Dear Entering 7th Graders and Families,

Summer is just around the corner and with its arrival comes the opportunity to plan for great vacation reading choices. Below find a list designed to meet the reading interests of 7th grade students. The New Books section represents the best books published during the past year and includes Spring 2013 titles as well. In addition to the required summer reading title, please choose three additional titles to read over the summer. Therefore, all students entering 7th grade are expected to read a total of four books during the summer.

Feel free to read from the eighth grade summer reading list as well. The Brookwood Summer Reading Lists may be found online on the Brookwood library homepage:

URL: http://www.brookwood.edu/library//summer

And remember to check out our Spring Book Fair on May 15 and 16 to pick up some good books for the summer!

Entering 7th Grade Summer Reading Requirements:

- All 7th grade students are required to read Trouble by Gary Schmidt. Students will receive a copy of the book from the school before the end of the year. A related assignment will be distributed with the book.

- Choose three additional books from the 7th Grade School Summer Reading List, or select other titles that satisfy reading interests.

Thank you for making reading a family priority!

Sincerely,

Team 7 Teachers, Mrs. Geraty and Ms. Glass
NEW BOOKS – PUBLISHED IN 2012/SPRING 2013

Applegate, Katherine  
*The One and Only Ivan*

2013 Newbery Medal Winner! Ivan, a gorilla, has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall. But when a baby elephant is added to the mall, he decides that he must find a way to give her a better life.

Avi  
*Sophia’s War*

Recruited as a spy during the Revolutionary War, Sophia becomes aware that someone in the American army might be switching sides, but the identity of the would-be traitor is so shocking that no one believes her. So Sophia decides to stop the treacherous plot herself, at great personal peril: if she fails, she’s facing an execution of her own.

Balliett, Blue  
*Hold Fast*

On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared, and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless--and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.

Bauer, Joan  
*Almost Home*

Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness.

Blumenthal, Karen  
*Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different*

Follow the life and career of the computer industry visionary, from his early life and creation of Apple Computer at the age of twenty to his accomplishments in technology and design.

Close, Chuck  
*Chuck Close: Face Book*

Artist Chuck Close introduces children to his art, shows the processes he uses in his studios, and answers questions about his life and the challenges--physical and mental--he has faced.

Dessen, Sarah  
*The Moon and the More*

Luke Emaline have been together all through high school in Colby, the beach town where they both grew up. But now, in the summer before college, Emaline wonders if perfect is good enough.

Douglas, Gabby  
*Grace, Gold, & Glory: My Leap of Faith*

In this personal autobiography, Gabrielle tells her story of faith, perseverance, and determination, demonstrating you can reach your dreams if you let yourself soar.
Hale, Shannon  
*Princess Academy: Palace of Stone*  
Miri returns to Asland and calls upon all of her knowledge of rhetoric and other useful lessons learned at the Princess Academy when she and the other girls face strong opposition working for a new, fair charter.

Healy, Christopher  
*The Hero’s Guide to Storming the Castle*  
Magical gemstones, bladejaw eels, a mysterious Gray Phantom, and two maniacal warlords bent on world domination—it's all in a day's work for the League of Princes.

Hiaasen, Carl  
*Chomp*  
When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Cray's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.

Hobbs, Will  
*Never Say Die*  
Fifteen-year-old Inuit hunter Nick Thrasher, fresh off a terrifying encounter with a strange bear that seemed half polar/half grizzly, receives a letter from the half brother he has never met.

Hoose, Phillip  
*Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95*  
Since 1995, when the bird B95 was first captured and banded, the worldwide *rufa* shorebird population has collapsed by nearly 80 percent. Most perish somewhere along the great hemispheric circuit, but B95 wings on.

Hartman, Rachel  
*Seraphina*  
In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals.

Kindl, Patrice  
*Keeping the Castle*  
In order to support her family and maintain their ancient castle in Lesser Hoo, seventeen-year-old Althea bears the burden of finding a wealthy suitor who can remedy their financial problems.

Lin, Grace  
*Starry River of the Sky*  
An innkeeper's chore boy discovers that a visitor's stories hold the key to returning the moon to the Starry River of the Sky.

Lupica, Mike  
*Play Makers*  
In this sequel to *Game Changers*, Ben McBain and his crew are still living large off their incredible football championship win just weeks before and must now prepare for basketball season. Will Ben be able to pull it together for his team and for himself?

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux  
*No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem Bookseller*  
Lewis Michaux was born to do things his own way. When a white banker told him to sell fried chicken, not books, because “Negroes don't read,” Lewis took five books and one-hundred
dollars and built a bookstore. It soon became the intellectual center of Harlem, a refuge for everyone from Muhammad Ali to Malcolm X.

Nielsen, Jennifer A.  **Runaway King**  
Book Two in the Ascendance Trilogy. Young King Jaron has taken the throne of Carthya, but after enemies attempt to assassinate him, and a neighboring kingdom threatens invasion, he finds that he has no friends in the palace, not even his bride-to-be, princess Amarina.

Palacio, R.J.  **Wonder**  
Auggie Pullman was born with extreme facial abnormalities and not expected to survive. After being homeschooled his entire life, he enters fifth grade at a private middle school just as his sister Via starts her first year of high school, and both struggle to be seen as just another student.

Pratchett, Terry  **Dodger**  
In an alternative version of Victorian London, a seventeen-year-old Dodger, a cunning and cheeky street urchin, unexpectedly rises in life when he saves a mysterious girl, meets Charles Dickens, and unintentionally puts a stop to the murders of Sweeney Todd

Rossetti, Rinsai  **The Girl with Borrowed Wings**  
Seventeen-year-old Frenenqer lives a controlled and restricted life in the desert, but when she meets Sangris, a free winged shape-shifter, everything changes.

Sandler, Martin  **The Impossible Rescue: the True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure**  
In 1897, eight American whale ships become trapped in the ice, and the three hundred sailors aboard have little hope of survival. Here is the incredible story of three men sent by President McKinley to rescue them.

Schlitz, Laura Amy  **Splendors and Glooms**  
*2013 Newbery Honor Book!* When a girl vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

Sheinkin, Steve  **Bomb: the Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon**  
*2013 Newbery Honor Book!* This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon.

Stead, Rebecca  **Liar & Spy**  
Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, being picked on at school, and Safer, a homeschooled loner who lives in his building. Together the boys track a mysterious building resident Safer is sure is hiding a sinister secret.

Telgemeier, Raina  **Drama**  
Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never
Urban, Linda *The Center of Everything*
Twelve-year-old Ruby finds her life spinning out of control in the wake of questionable choices and dreads an upcoming reading of her award-winning essay.

**GENERAL SUMMER READING LIST**

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Lai, Thanhha *Inside Out and Back Again* – 2011 National Book Award winner!

Lee, Y.S. *The Agency* series

Perkins, Mitali *Bamboo People*

Selznick, Brian *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* and *Wonderstruck*

Springer, Nancy *Enola Holmes Mysteries*

Stead, Rebecca *When You Reach Me*

Zusak, Markus *The Book Thief*

**FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION**

Bedford, Martyn *Flip*

Card, Orson Scott *The Enders Saga* series

Cashore, Kristin *Graceling* and others

Collins, Suzanne *The Hunger Games* trilogy

Condie, Ally *Matched* and *Crossed*

Fisher, Catherine *Incarceron* and sequels

Healy, Christopher *The Hero’s Guide to Saving Your Kingdom*

Lore, Pittacus *The Lorien Legacies*

Orwell, George *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

Paolini, Christopher *Inheritance* series

Pfeffer, Susan *Life as We Knew It* and sequels

Pullman, Philip *His Dark Materials* trilogy

Meloy, Maile *The Apothecary*

Nielsen, Jennifer A. *The False Prince* and sequel

Riordan, Rick *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series and others

Scott, Michael *The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* series

Shulman, Polly *The Grimm Legacy*

Tolkein, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*

Westerfield, Scott *The Uglies* sequence, *Leviathan* trilogy and others

Zevin, Gabrielle *Elsewhere*
GRAPHIC BOOKS

Bros gol, Vera.               Anya's Ghost
Gaiman, Neil               Coraline
Gulledge, Laura Lee         Page by Paige
Neri, G.                   Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty
Telgemeier, Raina          Smile
Say, Allen                 Drawing From Memory

NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY, MEMOIRS, AND POETRY

Bartoletti, Campbell       They Call Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group
Decristofano, Carolyn Cinami A Black Hole is NOT a Hole
Hopkinson, Deborah         Titanic: Voices From the Disaster
Nye, Naomi Shihab          Come With Me: Poems for a Journey and others
Wolf, Allan                The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic

PERFECT FOR SUMMER

Birdsall, Jeanne           The Penderwicks series
Grahame, Kenneth           The Wind in the Willows
Hemingway, Ernest          The Old Man and the Sea
Hinds, Gareth              The Odyssey (graphic novel)
Phelan, Matt               Around the World (graphic book)
Twain, Mark                The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and others

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