

# FRANKLIN ROAD ACADEMY



## Middle School Summer Reading 2010 Grades 6 - 8

### Sixth Grade Summer Reading

#### Required books:

*Twenty-One Balloons* - William Pene du Bois  
*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* - Avi

**Go to the FRA students' website to complete assignments on these books.**

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#### Choice Books

Choose one of the following books for a total of three books:

#### Fiction:

*Wolves of Willoughby Chase* - Joan Aiken  
*A View from Saturday* - E. L. Konigsburg  
*The Midwife's Apprentice* - Karen Cushman  
*Goose Chase* - Patricia Kindl  
*The Westing Game* - Ellen Raskin  
*Dragonsong* - Anne McCaffrey  
*Gossamer* - Lois Lowry  
*Wringer* - Jerry Spinelli  
*All of the Above* - Shellye Pearsall  
*Bella at Midnight* - Diane Stanley  
*Weedflower* -- Cynthia Kadohata  
*Wings* -- William Loizeaux  
*On the Wings of Heroes* - Richard Peck  
*Small Steps* (companion to *Holes*) - Louis Sachar  
*Firegirl* - Tony Abbott  
*Al Capone Does My Shirts* -- Gennifer Choldenko  
*The Egypt Game* - Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
*Crispin at the Edge of the World* - Avi

#### Nonfiction:

*Escape: The Story of Harry Houdini* - Sid Fleishman  
*After the Last Dog Died* : *The True Life, Hair-Raising Adventure of Douglas Mawson's 1912 Antarctic Adventure* - Carmen Bredeson  
*Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)* - Kathleen Krull  
*Lives of the Athletes: Thrills, Spills, (and What the Neighbors Thought)* - Kathleen Krull

Students should be prepared to write an essay on the choice book based upon the notes taken on the Book Notes form\*.

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### Seventh Grade Summer Reading

#### Required books:

*Three Cups of Tea (Young Reader's Edition)*- David Oliver Relin  
*The Cay* - Theodore Taylor

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## Seventh Grade Summer Reading (continued)

### Choice books:

Choose one of the following for a total of three books.

*Fire Bringer* – David Clement-Davies  
*I Heard the Owl* – Margaret Craven  
*The Slave Dancer* – Paula Fox  
*The Samurai's Tale* – Erik C. Haugaard  
*The Boy and the Samurai* – Erik C. Haugaard  
*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* – Ji-li Jiang  
*Kim* – Rudyard Kipling  
*The Girls* – Amy Goldman Koss  
*Jacob Have I Loved* – Katherine Paterson  
*The Rifle* – Gary Paulsen  
*Lord of the Deep* – Graham Salisbury  
*Kidnapped* – Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Treasure Island* – Robert Louis Stevenson  
*The Sword and the Circle* – Rosemary Sutcliffe  
*A Single Shard* - Linda Sue Park  
Any novel by S. E. Hinton

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## Eighth Grade Summer Reading

### Required books:

*The Gospel According to Larry* - Janet Tashjian  
*Nothing But the Truth* - Avi

### Go to the FRA students' website to complete assignments on these books.

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### Choice books:

Select at least **two** books listed below which you have **not** previously read.

#### Fiction

*Across Five Aprils* – Irene Hunt  
*Morning Is a Long Time Coming* – Bette Greene  
*Little Women* – Louisa May Alcott  
*The Education of Little Tree* – Forrest Carter and Rennard Strickland  
*Summer of My German Soldier* – Betty Greene  
*Johnny Tremain* – Esther Forbes  
*Farewell to Manzanar* – James D. Houston  
*Rifles for Watie* – Harold Keith  
*Christy* – Catherine Marshall  
*Gone with the Wind* – Margaret Mitchell  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* – Betty Smith  
*Copper Sun* --- Sharon Draper  
*London Calling* --- Edward Bloor  
*The Book Thief* --- Markus Zusak  
*Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* – Mildred D. Taylor  
*The Hiding Place* - Corrie Ten Boom  
*Wolf by the Ears* - Ann Rinaldi  
*Anne of Green Gables* - L. M. Montgomery

## Eighth Grade Summer Reading (continued)

### Nonfiction

*The Walk West: A Walk Across America 2* -- Peter Jenkins

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