

Dear Students,

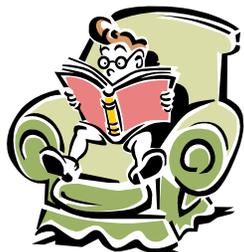
What better time than summer to read and enjoy a good book? We are pleased to introduce our summer reading offerings for Victor Junior High. All students entering 8th grade will be expected to read a book from the enclosed list. There are only two requirements for this book:

1. It cannot be a book previously read.
2. It must be an appropriate level of difficulty for you.



Challenge yourself with a new book. Impress your parents and teachers! Don't choose a book that is too simple. When school resumes in September, you will be asked to write about your book.

As you read, you must complete the summer reading packet. Bring it with you on the first day of school to help you complete a writing assignment.



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## Sizzling Summer Reading! 8th Grade



**On the beach?  
On the trampoline?  
In a car?  
At the library?**

**Wherever you are  
this summer, don't  
forget to SOAR!**

**Stop  
Open  
And  
Read!**

► **Books Open  
The Doors To  
Discovery**

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## ► Finding The Right Book For You!

### Here are some tips to help you select a book:

1. Find a book on the book list.
2. Thumb through the book and pick a page, any page.
3. Read one complete page.
4. Every time you come to a word that you don't know, count it on a finger.
5. If five or more fingers are up by the end of the page, this book may be too difficult for you.

### Parent Tips to Encourage Reading:

1. Set a schedule for reading. Make it consistent. One good time to read is right before bed.
2. Read alongside your child. Be a model!
3. Talk about your child's book. Allow your child to tell you the story line, explain characters, and setting. Ask your child what he or she likes or dislikes about the book.
4. Read aloud with your child!
5. Celebrate reading with rewards!

#### *Al Capone Does My Shirts*

**Author: Gennifer Choldenko**

Twelve-year-old Moose Flanigan and his family move to Alcatraz Island, where he finds himself responsible for taking care of his autistic sister, Natalie.

#### *Bloody Jack*

**Author: Louis A. Meyer**

Mary learns survival skills after she is left alone when her family dies from the plague in London in 1797. She disguises as a boy to work on the ship the HMS Dolphin. This novel tells of pirates and adventures on the high seas.

#### *Boy at War*

**Author: Harry Mazer**

Adam Pelko and Davi witness the horrific Japanese air attack at Pearl Harbor and are nearly killed themselves on the morning of December 7, 1941. Adam proves himself a hero.

#### *Dacey's Song*

**Author: Cynthia Voigt**

After being abandoned by their mother, Dacey Tillman and her siblings search for a new life. They find that old troubles and sorrows do not go away by themselves.

#### *Dragonsong*

**Author: Anne McCaffrey**

Menolly discovers new adventure when she meets a group of fire lizards who bring new adventure, challenge, and direction to her life after she runs away from home.

#### *Face on the Milk Carton*

**Author: Caroline B. Cooney**

Janie Johnson, looking at a missing child's photo on a milk carton, suddenly realizes that she is that child.

#### *Lyddie*

**Author: Katherine Patterson**

Thirteen-year-old Lyddie Worthen's life is changed by her experiences in a fabric mill in the 1840's.

#### *Olive's Ocean*

**Author: Kevin Henkes**

Martha Boyle learns a great deal about her commonalities with deceased classmate Olive Barstow through a single entry in her journal that was left behind. Through her discovery of Olive, Martha also rediscovers who she is herself.

#### *The Gospel According to Larry*

**Author: Janet Tashjian**

Josh Swensen is a seventeen-year-old prodigy who wishes to make the world a better place. His wish comes true when his virtual alter ego, Larry, becomes a huge multi-media sensation. Larry's identity is a mystery to everyone. Josh feels trapped inside his own creation. What will happen to the world, and to Larry, if he is exposed?

NEW! *Catching Fire* (Hunger Games—Book 2)

**Author: Suzanne Collins**

Against all odds, Katniss has won the Hunger Games with fellow district tribute Peeta. They should be happy. Now, however, the Capitol wants revenge, and both Katniss and Peeta are the faces of this rebellion.