Summer 2013 Reading Assignment
7th/8th Grade—Older Intermediates

1. **Watch TV less!**

   Did you know that too much television makes reading physically harder to do? Research shows that the waves of the TV screen move in short vertical lines, and your eye muscles make short up and down movements as you watch TV.

   Why is this a problem? Reading requires long horizontal eye movements—just the opposite of the exercise you get watching TV. Television actually tones your eye muscle movements in the wrong direction for reading.

2. **Read more!**

   Did you know that teachers can pick out those students who read a lot? It shows in your spelling and sentence structure. A good reader is a good writer.

3. **It's a fact.** Every book you read makes you a little smarter.

4. **Minimum summer reading assignment—4 books:**
   - 1 free choice
   - 1 biography or autobiography of your choice
   - 2 books from the attached reading list

5. **Write a book report for each of the 4 books assigned.**

   Each report must be 1½-2 pages (no longer please) and be handwritten in cursive (good penmanship practice). Write lots of specific details about the book in your report. Be sure to include at the top of the page:
   - book title
   - author
   - number of pages in the book—bonus points for over 200 pages per book
   - assignment category from #4 above

6. **Assignment is due the first day of school.**

7. **Did you read more books?**

   That is fantastic!!!!!!! It will help you in more ways than you can ever imagine. Write the names of the books and the number of pages of each book on a list, turn it in the first day of school, and **receive extra credit for the fall semester!**

   You do **not** have to write book reports for these extra books. A list is sufficient.

Classic Summer 2013 Book List—OI-7/8

The Adventures of Pinocchio by C. Collodi

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Caroll

Andersen's Fairy Tales

Bambi by Felix Salten

The Birds' Christmas Carol by Kate Douglas Wiggin

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Grimms' Fairy Tales

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Mary Poppins by P.L. Travers

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle

The Peterkin Papers by Lucretia Hale

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggin

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel DeFoe

The Secret Garden by Frances H. Burnett

The Story of King Arthur by Howard Pyle

The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann D. Wyss

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle by Hugh Lofting

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Newbery Medal Winners, 1922 – Present

(Book titles deleted from this list are in the OI 7/8 curriculum)
Choose books that you have not previously read

2013: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
2012: *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos
2011: *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool
2010: *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead
2009: *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
2008: *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village* by Laura Schlitz
2007: *The Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan Patron
2006: *Criss Cross* by Lynne Rae Perkins
2005: *Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata
2004: *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread* by Kate DiCamillo
2003: *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi
2002: *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
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2000: *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
1999: *Holes* by Louis Sachar
1998:
1997: *The View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg
1996: *The Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman
1995: *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
1994: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
1993: *Missing May* by Cynthia Rylant
1992: *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
1991: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli
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1987: *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman
1986: *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
1985: *The Hero and the Crown* by Robin McKinley
1984: *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary
1983: *Dicey's Song* by Cynthia Voigt
1982: *A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers* by Nancy Willard
1981: *Jacob Have I Loved* by Katherine Paterson
1980: *A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-1832* by Joan Blos
1979: *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
1978: *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
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1976: *The Grey King* by Susan Cooper
1975: *M. C. Higgins, the Great* by Virginia Hamilton
1974: *The Slave Dancer* by Paula Fox
1973: *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George
1972: *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien
1971: *Summer of the Swans* by Betsy Byars

1970: *Sounder* by William H. Armstrong
1969: *The High King* by Lloyd Alexander
1968: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg
1967: *Up a Road Slowly* by Irene Hunt
1966: *I, Juan de Pareja* by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino
1965: Shadow of a Bull by Maia Wojciechowska
1964: *It's Like This, Cat* by Emily Neville
1963: *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
1962: *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare
1961: *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
1960: *Onion John* by Joseph Krumgold
1959: *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare
1958: *Rifles for Watie* by Harold Keith
1957: *Miracles on Maple Hill* by Virginia Sorensen
1956: *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham
1955: *The Wheel on the School* by Meindert DeJong
1954: *...And Now Miguel* by Joseph Krumgold
1953: *Secret of the Andes* by Ann Nolan Clark
1952: *Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes
1951: *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates
1950: *The Door in the Wall* by Marguerite de Angeli
1949: *King of the Wind* by Marguerite Henry
1948: *The Twenty-One Balloons* by William Pène du Bois
1947: *Miss Hickory* by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
1946: *Strawberry Girl* by Lois Lenski
1945: *Rabbit Hill* by Robert Lawson
1944: *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
1943: *Adam of the Road* by Elizabeth Janet Gray
1942: *The Matchlock Gun* by Walter Edmonds
1941: *Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry
1940: *Daniel Boone* by James Daugherty
1939: *Thimble Summer* by Elizabeth Enright
1938: *The White Stag* by Kate Seredy
1937: *Roller Skates* by Ruth Sawyer
1936: *Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink
1935: *Dobry* by Monica Shannon
1934: *Invincible Louisa: The Story of the Author of Little Women* by Cornelia Meigs
1933: *Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze* by Elizabeth Lewis
1932: *Waterless Mountain* by Laura Adams Armer
1931: *The Cat Who Went to Heaven* by Elizabeth Coatsworth
1930: *Hitty, Her First Hundred Years* by Rachel Field
1929: *The Trumpeter of Krakow* by Eric P. Kelly
1928: *Gay Neck, the Story of a Pigeon* by Dhan Gopal Mukerji
1927: *Smoky, the Cowhorse* by Will James
1926: *Shen of the Sea* by Arthur Bowie Chrisman
1925: *Tales from Silver Lands* by Charles Finger
1924: *The Dark Frigate* by Charles Hawes
1923: *The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle* by Hugh Lofting
1922: *The Story of Mankind* by Hendrik Willem van Loon