

**Jackson Township School District  
Middle School Literacy  
Required Summer Reading List 2010**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Titles- Select One</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Farewell to Manzanar</b> Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston James Houston	The true story of a spirited Japanese-American family's attempt to survive the indignities of life in an internment camp in 1942.
<b>Shooting the Moon</b> Frances O'Roark Dowell	Twelve year old Jamie Dexter's brother joins the army and is sent to the Vietnam War. At first, she can't wait to hear about his tales about battle. However, when he only sends her rolls of film to be developed, she begins to see a side of war she never imagined.
<b>All Shook Up</b> Shelly Pearsall	Thirteen year old Josh has to move to Chicago with his father while his mother nurses his grandmother. Starting a new school isn't Josh's only problem – it turns out his father is an Elvis impersonator.
<b>Among the Hidden</b> Margaret Petterson Haddix	In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.
<b>Three Cups of Tea (The Young Reader's Edition)</b> Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin	In 1993, while climbing one of the world's most difficult peaks, Mortenson became lost and ill, and eventually found aid in the tiny Pakistani village of Korphe. He vowed to repay his generous hosts by building a school; his efforts have grown into the Central Asia Institute, which has since provided education for 25,000 children. Retold for middle readers, the story remains inspirational and compelling.

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<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Titles- Select One</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>General George Patton: Old Blood &amp; Guts</b> Alden Hatch	The story of General George S. Patton, America's most colorful military leader who became a hero during World War II.
<b>Rules</b> Cynthia Lord	Twelve year-old Catherine wants a normal life. However, things never go the way she plans, especially as she deals with a brother with autism.
<b>The Last Dog on Earth</b> Daniel Ehrenhaft	Fourteen year-old rebellious Logan hates everyone except his dog Jack. As a mysterious disease is sweeping across the country, Logan and Jack go on the run.
<b>Before We Were Free</b> Julia Alvarez	Anita de la Torre begins to understand the true meaning of freedom as she begins to realize what it means to live under a dictatorship in the Dominican Republic.
<b>Jackie's Nine</b> Sharon Robinson	Sharon Robinson writes about the nine core values her father, baseball legend, Jackie Robinson, used to help him cope with his struggles as the first African American player in the major leagues.

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<b>6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Titles-Select One</b>	<b>Summary</b>
<b>Escaping the Giant Wave</b> Peg Kehret	When an earthquake creates a tsunami while thirteen-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years.
<b>Al Capone Does My Shirts</b> Gennifer Choldenko	In 1935 Moose Flannegan and his family move to Alcatraz where his father works as a prison guard.
<b>Fairest</b> Gail Carson Levine	A fairy tale set in a kingdom that is devoted to singing.
<b>No More Dead Dogs</b> Gordon Korman	Wallace is an 8 <sup>th</sup> grade football hero sent to detention because he is unable to lie. He gets into more trouble when he begins to take over the drama club play.
<b>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</b> James L. Swanson	The thrilling, true story of the 12-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth – the man who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln.