

Bourne Middle School
Summer Reading Program **Seventh** Grade Reading List 2010

You are required to read two (2) books from this list:

1. **When Zachary Beaver Came to Town** by Kimberly Willis Holt *National Book Award*
During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.
2. **Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis *Newbery Award, Coretta Scott King Award*
When his mother dies in 1936, ten-year-old Bud hits the road, convinced that his mother's posters of a jazz band will lead him to the father he's never met. Bud will let nothing get in his way in this heartwarming, funny novel.
3. **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan *Pura Belpre Award, ALA Top Ten, LA Times Book Prize, Publishers Weekly Best Book of Year 2000*
A young girl and her mother must migrate from a comfortable Mexican ranch to a California labor camp after a family tragedy.
4. **Walk Two Moons** by Sharon Creech *Newbery Award, ALA Best, SLJ Best*
After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend, Phoebe, whose mother also left.
5. **Year of Impossible Goodbyes** by Sook Nyul Choi *Newbery Award, ALA Best*
It is 1945, and ten-year-old Sookan and her family must endure the cruelties of the Japanese who occupy Korea..
6. **The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien
The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lived happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard granted his wish.
7. **A Single Shard** by Linda Sue Park *Newbery Award*
Tree-Ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under the bridge in the potters' village, and dreams of learning how to make the delicate celadon ceramics.
8. **Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls
The adventures of a ten-year-old boy and the two dogs he bought with money he had earned.
9. **Redwall** by Brian Jacques
When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.
10. **The Wednesday Wars** by Gary D. Schmidt *2008 Newbury Honor Book*
7th grader Holling Hoodhood is convinced that his teacher hates him. Through their Wednesday afternoon Shakespeare sessions she helps him cope with events both funny and serious.