

Assessment Guidelines



When students return to school in August, teachers will direct interpretive reading, writing, and discussion activities of the required book. A **formative** assessment will be given on this required title.

During the first two weeks of school, students will engage in teacher-directed lessons/activities on the other 2 titles.

Activities may include book chats, oral discussion, roundtable sharing, and/or written response.

Students will record the 3 titles read on the reading log found in their student agendas. Agendas will be distributed to students during the first week of school.

Other Helpful Information

The numbers before the L that accompany each title are the Lexile measures. The Lexile framework provides a scale for matching reading ability and difficulty of text. These measures help students, parents, and educators select reading materials that will improve reading skills, while maintaining reading interests. Lexile measures DO NOT indicate grade level.

For more information about Lexiles, go to <http://www.lexile.com>.

Printable summer reading lists may be found at:

<http://mabrymsblog.typepad.com/media>

<http://www.cobb.k12.ga.us/~mabry>

Summer reading books may be purchased at Borders Books, Barnes and Noble, or Amazon.com. Local public libraries also carry many of the titles on the summer reading lists.

Mabry Middle School Cobb County Middle School ELA Program Summer Reading



Standard of Focus

**The student reads a minimum of
25 grade-level appropriate books
or book equivalents
(approximately 1,000,000 words)**

**per year from a variety of
subject disciplines. The student
reads both informational and
fictional texts in a variety of
genres and modes of discourse,
including technical texts related**

to various subject areas.

A Message to Parents

Improving reading and writing are important goals at Mabry. Research has shown that the amount and quality of student reading and writing are major factors in student success.

Books selected for summer reading are a combination of classic and contemporary literature that has been professionally reviewed and recommended for quality, content, and appropriateness for middle school students.

The primary goal of summer reading is to ensure that students are practicing this vital skill in order to maintain reading levels. Summer reading will also help students meet the Georgia Performance Reading Standard.

Students are to read 3 books during the summer break:

- The required title for the grade level
- 1 title from the grade level list
- 1 title of their choice (it may be from the grade level list, but it does not have to be)

Grade 6 - Required: The Cay Theodore Taylor 860L

<u>Bambi, a Life in the Woods</u> Felix Salton	700 L
<u>Bud, Not Buddy</u> Christopher Paul Curtis	950 L
<u>Ella Enchanted</u> Gail Carson Levine	670 L
<u>Esperanza Rising</u> Pam Munoz Ryan	750 L
<u>Far North</u> Will Hobbs	750 L
<u>Found</u> Margaret Haddix	750 L
<u>Heidi</u> Johann Spyri	820 L
<u>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</u> Jack Gantos	970 L
<u>Kidnapped</u> Robert Louis Stevenson	990 L
<u>Midnight Magic</u> Avi	550 L
<u>Skeleton Man</u> Bruchac	730 L
<u>Stowaway</u> Karen Hesse	830 L

Grade 7 - Required: Old Yeller Fred Gipson 910 L

<u>The Black Arrow</u> Robert Louis Stevenson	980 L
<u>Black Beauty</u> Anna Sewall	1010 L
<u>Black Mirror</u> Nancy Merlin	580 L
<u>Call of the Wild</u> Jack London	1120 L
<u>Crash</u> Jerry Spinelli	560 L
<u>Freak the Mighty</u> Philbrick Rodman	1000 L
<u>Kira-Kira</u> Cynthia Kadohota	740 L
<u>The Kite Rider</u> Geraldine McCaughren	900 L
<u>Operation Red Jericho</u> Joshua Mowll	850 L
<u>Peak</u> Roland Smith	780 L
<u>Wanted!</u> Caroline B. Cooney	780 L
<u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u> Wilson Rawls	700 L

Grade 8 - Required: The Pearl John Steinbeck 1010 L

<u>The Alchemist</u> Paulo Coelho	910 L
<u>Blizzard's Wake</u> Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	910 L
<u>The Chosen</u> Chaim Potek	970 L
<u>City of Ember</u> Jeanne duPrau	680 L
<u>Code Orange</u> Caroline B. Cooney	850 L
<u>The Diary of Young Girl</u> Anne Frank	1080 L
<u>Double Identity</u> Margaret Haddix	810 L
<u>Eagle Strike</u> Anthony Horowitz	690 L
<u>Epic</u> Conor Kostick	880 L
<u>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</u> Maya Angelou	1070 L
<u>Little Women</u> Louisa May Alcott	1300 L
<u>The Power of One</u> Bryce Courtenay	1080 L

SUGGESTED TITLES

Louisa May Alcott	P.B.Kerr
Lloyd Alexander	Iain Lawrence
Jennifer Allison	Ursula LeGuin
Laurie Anderson	Madeline L'Engle
Maya Angelou	C.S. Lewis
Isaac Asimov	Jack London
Avi	Lois Lowry
Natalie Babbitt	L.A. Meyer
Blue Balliett	Stephenie Meyer
T.A. Barron	L.M. Montgomery
Joan Bauer	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Patricia Beatty	Garth Nix
Hilari Bell	Joan Lowery Nixon
Gary Blackwood	Scott O'Dell
Ray Bradbury	Uri Orlev
Pearl S. Buck	Christopher Paolini
Eve Bunting	Gary Paulsen
Betsy Byars	Richard Peck
Orson Scott Card	Rodman Philbrick
Agatha Christie	Anne Rinaldi
Eoin Colfer	Pam Muniz Ryan
Caroline B. Cooney	Neil Shusterman
Robert Cormier	William Sleator
Andrew Clements	Gary Soto
Chris Crutcher	Jerry Spinelli
Kate DiCamillo	John Steinbeck
Sharon Draper	Robert Louis Stevenson
Nancy Farmer	Paul Stewart
Cornelia Funke	Mildred Taylor
Jack Gantos	Theodore Taylor
Jean Craighead George	J.R.R. Tolkien
Margaret Haddix	Mark Twain
Virginia Hamilton	Jules Verne
Karen Hesse	Cynthia Voight
Will Hobbs	H.G. Wells
Mary Hoffman	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Anthony Horowitz	Laurence Yep
Brian Jacques	Paul Zindel