

Assessment Guidelines



For the required grade level book title, a Response to Literature activity, focusing on analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text will be due within the first 2 weeks of school.

In addition, during the first two weeks of school, students will engage in student-centered lessons/activities on the 2 student-selected titles. Activities may include book chats, oral discussion, roundtable sharing, and/or written responses which incorporate higher level thinking skills and problem-solving.

Students will record the 3 titles read on the reading log found in their student agendas.

Other Helpful Information

The suggested books and authors are chosen to complement the Common Core Reading Standards, and include classic and contemporary literature that has been professionally reviewed for quality, content, and appropriateness for middle school students.

The Lexile framework provides a scale for matching reading ability with text complexity. Lexile measures DO NOT indicate grade level. Lexile ranges from 955-1155 align with the Common Core Reading expectations for grades 6-8.

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

Printable summer reading lists may be found at:

<http://www.cobbk12.org/Mabry>

Summer reading books may be purchased at Once and Again, 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 ELA Summer Reading 2013



Common Core Curriculum Standard 10 targets the range, quality, and complexity of text for student reading literacy. Text complexity is based on reading content, difficulty, comprehension, and personal connections to life experiences.

Required Titles for Each Grade

- 6 - *The Cay* Theodore Taylor 860 L**
- 7 - *The Watsons Go To Birmingham* Christopher Paul Curtis 1000 L**
- 8 - *The Pearl* John Steinbeck 1010 L**

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.

Mabry's summer reading program, aligned with the Common Core State Standards, creates flexible and innovative learning opportunities for all students.

The primary goal of summer reading is to ensure that students are practicing this vital skill in order to maintain reading levels.

Students are to read 3 books during their summer break:

- The required title for the grade level (see pamphlet front)
- 2 titles of their choice (we recommend students select these books from the Suggested Books list or from the Suggested Authors list, but students may select other titles and authors)

Suggested Books

Grade 6

Bambi, a Life in the Woods Felix Salton
Dragonwings Laurence Yep
Far North Will Hobbs
Heidi Johann Spyri
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key Jack Gantos
Kidnapped Robert Louis Stevenson
Skeleton Man Bruchac
Stowaway Karen Hesse
 Alex Ryder series

Grade 7

Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain
The Black Arrow Robert Louis Stevenson
Black Beauty Anna Sewell
Canyons Gary Paulsen
Locked in Time Lois Duncan
Operation Red Jericho Joshua Mowll
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry Mildred Taylor
Shiva's Fire Suzanne Fisher Staples
 H.I.V.E. series

Grade 8

The Alchemist Paulo Coelho
Blizzard's Wake Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Bones of Boulder Creek Scott McCord
Call of the Wild Jack London
The Chosen Chaim Potek
The Dark is Rising Susan Cooper
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank
Epic Conor Kostick
Little Women Louisa May Alcott
The Hunger Games series

Suggested Authors

Louisa May Alcott
 Lloyd Alexander
 Jennifer Allison
 Maya Angelou
 Isaac Asimov
 Avi
 Natalie Babbitt
 T.A. Barron
 Hilari Bell
 Gary Blackwood
 Ray Bradbury
 Pearl S. Buck
 Michael Cadnum
 Orson Scott Card
 Agatha Christie
 Eoin Colfer
 Caroline B. Cooney
 Robert Cornier
 Chris Crutcher
 Sharon Draper
 Nancy Farmer
 Cornelia Funke
 Jack Gantos
 Jean Craighead George
 Margaret Haddix
 Virginia Hamilton
 Karen Hesse
 S.E. Hinton
 Will Hobbs
 Mary Hoffman
 Brian Jacques
 Iain Lawrence
 Ursula LeGuin

Madeline L'Engle
 C.S. Lewis
 Lois Lowry
 D.J. McHale
 L.A. Meyer
 Stephanie Meyer
 L.M. Montgomery
 Garth Nix
 Joan Lowery Nixon
 Scott O'Dell
 Uri Orlev
 Christopher Paolini
 Gary Paulsen
 Richard Peck
 Rodman Philbrick
 Philip Reeve
 Anne Rinaldi
 Rick Riordan
 J.K. Rowling
 Neil Shusterman
 William Sleator
 Jerry Spinelli
 John Steinbeck
 Robert Louis Stevenson
 Mildred Taylor
 Theodore Taylor
 J.R.R. Tolkien
 Jules Verne
 Cynthia Voigt
 Mark Walden
 H.G. Wells
 Laurence Yep
 Paul Zindel