

**Hackensack Middle School
Incoming 6th Grade Summer Reading List
2014-2015**

This is a suggested summer reading list to be read in addition to any class summer assignments.

| Title | Author | Description | Genre |
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| <i>The London Eye Mystery</i> | Siobhan Dowd | When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together --Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim. | Fiction / Mystery |
| <i>The False Prince</i> | Jennifer Nielson | In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war. | Fiction / Fantasy |
| <i>How Lamar's Bad Prank Won a Bubba-Sized Trophy</i> | Crystal Allen | When thirteen-year-old, bowling-obsessed Lamar Washington finds out that his idol is coming to town, he finds himself involved in some unsavory activities as he tries to change his image to impress people. | Fiction / Realistic |
| <i>Camo Girl</i> | Kekla Magoon | Ella has always been friends with a boy known as Z despite his reputation as the weird kid, but when a new boy, Bailey, moves to town and befriends Ella because they are the only two African American students in the class, she must choose between the popularity Bailey will bring to her life and her lifelong friendship with Z. | Fiction / Realistic |
| <i>Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time</i> | Lisa Yee | After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father. | Fiction / Sports |

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| <i>Skulduggery Pleasant</i> | Derek Landy | When twelve-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones. | Fiction / Fantasy |
| <i>Sidekicks</i> | Jack Ferraiolo | Scott Hutchinson, aka Bright Boy, the sidekick of Phantom Justice, begins to question how long he can remain in the shadow of the superhero after discovering that his nemesis, super-villain sidekick Monkeywrench, might be one of the most popular kids at his school. | Fiction / Science Fiction |
| <i>Revenge of the Shadow King</i> | Derek Benz and J.S. Lewis | When Max Sumner and three friends play a magical card game called Round Table, they realize that it is up to them to prevent the wicked creatures of the cards from destroying their town, indeed, their world. | Fiction / Fantasy |
| <i>Archvillain</i> | Barry Lyga | Twelve-year-old Kyle Camden develops greater mental agility and superpowers during a plasma storm that also brings Mighty Mike, an alien, to the town of Bouring, but while each does what he thinks is best, Kyle is labeled a villain and Mike a hero. | Fiction / Science Fiction |
| <i>Chomp</i> | Carl Hiaasen | The difficult star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna's gun-happy father. | Fiction / Adventure |
| <i>Nobody's Princess</i> | Esther Friesner | Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one | Fiction / Adventure |

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| | | day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure throughout the Mediterranean world. | |
| <i>Melting Stones</i> | Tamora Pierce | Residents of the island of Starns send for help from Winding Circle temple, and when prickly green man Rosethorn and young stone mage trainee Evvy respond, Evvy finds that the problem is with a long-dormant volcano and tries to use her talents to avert the looming destruction. | Fiction / Fantasy |
| <i>The Secret Language of Girls</i> | Frances O'Rourke Dowell | Marylin and Kate have been friends since nursery school, but when Marylin becomes a middle school cheerleader and Kate begins to develop other interests, their relationship is put to the test. | Fiction / Realistic |
| <i>Closed for the Season</i> | Mary Downing Hahn | When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer. | Fiction / Mystery |

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