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Middle School Summer Reading

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TOP 10 Adventure and/or Fantasy

1. The Night Gardener
   Jonathan Auxier
   A creepy tale about a tree that grants wishes in exchange for pieces of one's soul. Can two abandoned children resist its offerings, even if it means the opportunity to contact their missing parents?

2. Gods of Manhattan (Gods of Manhattan #1)
   Scott Mebus
   Following a birthday party and magic show, 12-year-old Rory discovers Mannahatta - the spirit world filled with the 'gods' who rule New York City (including NYC notables like Dorothy Parker & Babe Ruth!)

3. The Flame of Olympus (Pegasus Series #1)
   Kate O'Hearn
   When Pegasus, the mythical stallion, crashes into the roof of 13-year-old Emily's NYC apartment building, her life changes forever.

4. How to Catch a Bogle (Book #1 in a trilogy!)
   Catherine Jinks
   A grisly tale perfect for fans of A Tale Dark and Grimm, about an orphan girl who helps trap child-eating monsters. Set on the mean streets of London during Victorian times.

5. The Island of Dr. Libris
   Chris Grabenstein
   Whenever Billy opens the books inside Dr. Libris's bookcase, he can hear sounds coming from the island in the middle of the lake. Are the books and their characters coming to life?

6. The Mysterious Howling (Incorrigible Children #1)
   Maryrose Wood
   Fifteen-year-old Penelope Lumley has just graduated from the Swanburne Academy of Poor Bright Females. Her first job? Tutoring three children who were literally raised by wolves.

7. The False Prince (Ascendance Trilogy #1)
   Jennifer A. Nielsen
   When the king's son is nowhere to be found, four orphans are recruited to impersonate the prince (or die)! Who will rise to the occasion? Why? Find out in the fast-paced trilogy.

8. The Real Boy
   Anne Ursu
   With the help of a new friend, Oscar is going to find out why so many children on his magical island are getting sick, and why he feels so out-of-place himself!

9. Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstilskin
   Liesl Shurtliff
   In a magic kingdom where your name is your destiny, 12-year-old Rump is the butt (get it?) of everyone's joke. But when he discovers he has a gift for spinning straw into gold, his luck starts to change.

10. The Greenglass House
    Kate Milford
    Milo, the adopted son of innkeepers, is determined to untangle the secrets of his parents' hotel. Class 5 students loved its twisted ending!

Use the sleeves of my sweater / Let's have an adventure — The Neighbourhood
# Top 10 Dystopian / Futuristic / Alternate Realities

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<td>When You Reach Me</td>
<td>Rebecca Stead</td>
<td>A 12-year-old girl tries to deal with changing middle school friendships while making sense of a series of ominous notes that have been left on her bed. Who’s entering her locked apartment while she’s away? How?</td>
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<td>Seven Stories Up</td>
<td>Laurel Snyder</td>
<td>When Annie travels back in time, she meets the kid version of her mean grandmother. Can Annie save her from growing into a mean adult? Will she figure out how to get back to the future herself? Fun!</td>
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<td>Ruby Red (Ruby Red Trilogy #1)</td>
<td>Kerstin Gier</td>
<td>Gwyneth’s sophisticated cousin Charlotte has been prepared her entire life for traveling through time. But unexpectedly, it is Gwyneth who takes a sudden spin to a different era!</td>
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<td>Jeanne DuPrau</td>
<td>The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. 200 years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. Can Lina &amp; Doon make sense of the ancient message in time?</td>
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<td>Mark of the Dragonfly</td>
<td>Jaleigh Johnson</td>
<td>Piper is an orphan scrapper (fix-it girl) who discovers a mute girl, Anna. Anna bears a tattoo, the Mark of the Dragonfly. Can Piper return her to the Dragonfly Territories and claim her just reward?</td>
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| 7    | Virals (Series)                                | Kathy Reichs      | “If you like the TV show BONES, you’ll love Virals.” – James Patterson  
Synopsis: A girl and her friends are exposed to a canine parvovirus, changing them – and their DNA – forever. |
| 8    | The House of the Scorpion                      | Nancy Farmer      | Matteo Alacráñ was not born; he was harvested. His DNA came from El Patrón, an evil drug lord of a country called Opium. Will he be able to outwit this mastermind? After all, they are equally intelligent. |
| 9    | The Future of Us                               | Jay Asher & Carolyn Mackler | Two teens get a glimpse of their Facebook profiles – from the future.                                                                                                                                     |
| 10   | Shadow and Bone                                | Leigh Bardugo     | Alina has never been good at anything. But when her best friend is brutally injured, Alina reveals a dormant power that saves his life—a power that could be the key to setting her war-ravaged country free. |

*This is the part where I break free — Ariana Grande*
Top 10 Mystery

1. **Loot**
   Jude Watson
   The son and daughter of a famous thief (strangers until now) are picked up by the police after their father's death. They then use their knowledge of thieving to plot one last heist. Fun!

2. **Three Times Lucky**
   Sheila Turnage
   Mo runs a kooky cafe with her adoptive parents, Miss Lana and The Colonel. When their least favorite customer turns up dead, suspicions point to The Colonel. Can Mo clear his name? Hilarious!

3. **Under the Egg**
   Laura Marx Fitzgerald
   Grandfather Jack's dying words to Theodora are to look "Under the Egg". But whatever could that mean? Find out in this geeky, New York mystery reminiscent of The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.

4. **The London Eye Mystery**
   Siobhan Dowd
   After their cousin vanishes on the famed London Eye ferris wheel, Kat and her unusual brother, Ted, team up to solve the disappearance.

5. **The Case of the Missing Marquess (Enola Holmes #1)**
   Nancy Springer
   When Enola Holmes, sister to the detective Sherlock Holmes, discovers her mother has disappeared, she quickly leaves for London. (P.S. The plot really thickens with #2 and #3 of the series!)

6. **The Book of Lost Things (Mister Max #1)**
   Cynthia Voigt
   A funny, atmospheric page-turner from Newbery medalist Cynthia Voigt! 12-year-old Max has been abandoned by his parents, but left with a box of costumes with which to hone an identity as a "solutioneer."

7. **The Beekeeper's Apprentice**
   Laurie B. King
   Sherlock Holmes is officially out of the detective business. But when he crosses paths with a brilliant 15-year-old named Mary Russell, Holmes decides to train her in his methods just in time for a high-profile case.

8. **The Riverman (The Riverman Trilogy #1)**
   Aaron Starmer
   A girl named Fiona begs her friend, Alistair (a boy everyone trusts) to write down her biography. When she goes missing, Alistair begins to wonder if some of the crazier stories she's shared are actually true.

9. **Emily's Dress and Other Missing Things**
   Kathryn Burak
   After her mother's suicide, Claire moves to Amherst, where she finds herself drawn to the Emily Dickinson museum...and the white dress on display there. But how does Emily's dress get into Claire's closet?

10. **We Were Liars**
    E. Lockhart
    Cadence tries to reconstruct what happened on her family's private island off the coast of Martha's Vineyard the summer she turned 15.

I met this girl late last year / She said, "Don't you worry if I disappear" — Ed Sheeran
TOP 10 Picture Books/Graphic Novels for Older Readers

1. Sisters
   Raina Telgemeier
   Winner of this year's Newbery award! A companion to Telgemeier's much beloved book, Smile.

2. Marguerite Makes A Book
   Bruce Robertson
   In this richly illustrated tale set in Paris, the daughter of a bookmaker comes to her blind father's aid, buying goose feathers for quills, eggs for mixing paints, dried plants and ground minerals for pigments.

3. Olympians (Series)
   George O'Connor
   Step into a world of fearsome battle, cruel treachery, and fierce loyalty. Chapin girls especially like the five astonishing tales of brave Athena's adventures.

4. Amulet (Series)
   Kazu Kibuishi
   "Five - no, three pages into Amulet and you'll be hooked." --Jeff Smith, creator of Bone.

5. El Deafo
   Cece Bell
   Chapin students dig this inspiring (and surprisingly funny) story about a tween girl who suddenly loses her hearing and has to wear a Phonic Ear.

6. The Great American Dust Bowl
   Don Brown
   Inclement weather fans, take note. On April 14, 1935, the sky turned black. Sand and dirt fell like snow - people got lost in the gloom and suffocated...And that was only the beginning.

7. Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation
   Duncan Tonatiuh
   Sylvia Mendez and her brothers are turned away from their new school, and told to attend the Mexican school in town, in spite of their perfect English. Learn more about their infuriating & inspiring story!

8. Hidden
   Loic Dauvillier; Marc Lizano (Illustrator)
   In this horrifying, but exquisitely rendered story set in Vichy France, a young Jewish girl hides in a cupboard while her parents are taken away by the Nazis. (This was a huge hit in Class 6 this year!)

9. Boxers & Saints
   Gene Luen Yang
   China, 1898. Bands of foreigners roam the countryside, bullying and robbing Chinese peasants. Little Bao has had enough. Harnessing the powers of the ancient Chinese gods, he recruits an army of Boxers - commoners trained in kung fu - who fight to free China from "foreign devils." But will Little Bao go too far? Find out in this 2-volume set!

I want to be your left hand man — Vance Joy
TOP 10 Realistic Fiction

1. Fish in a Tree
   Lynda Mullaly Hunt
   Don't miss this new book by the author of One for the Murphys, about 6th grade troublemaker, Ally Nickerson. Ally keeps winding up in the principal's office until the right teacher comes along.

2. The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher
   Dana Alison Levy
   Attention Penderwicks fans! It's time to meet the Fletchers - four boys and two dads. Their year will be filled with new schools, a grouchy neighbor, leaking ice rinks, school plays, wet cats, and scary tales.

3. Anna Was Here
   Jane Kurtz
   A girl obsessed with natural disasters is forced to abandon her comfort zone when her family relocates to Kansas' tornado alley. As her father takes on a new job at a local church, Anna questions God.

4. Prairie Evers
   Ellen Airgood
   If you enjoyed Gordon Korman's story, Schooled, you'll like this one about a girl transitioning from homeschooling to a mainstream school.

5. Same Sun Here
   Silas House & Neela Vaswani
   Meena and River live in two very different worlds: Chinatown and Kentucky. Yet, as pen pals, they're able to bare their souls about everything (with the exception of Meena shaving her legs - yikes!)

6. Absolutely Almost
   Lisa Graff
   If you love an underdog story, you'll find this one deeply satisfying. Albie struggles at school, and his parents just don't get why. He isn't dyslexic or secretly a genius. He's just s-l-o-w. But is that so bad? A very different book from the beloved author of A Tangle of Knots.

7. The Mother-Daughter Book Club (Series)
   Heather Vogel Frederick
   4 wildly different 6th graders, along with their mothers (awkward!) meet to discuss books. Chapin girls wish these girls could be their classmates!

8. When Audrey Met Alice
   Rebecca Behrens
   Another book chock full of "Dear Diary" entries! This time, it's set in the White House and features two First Daughters - one current, one past. What helpful secrets about the White House will be revealed?

9. Better Nate Than Ever
   Tim Federle
   Musical theater geek? This is possibly the most hysterical book in our library. It's about a boy who runs away to New York to audition for the new musical version of E.T.

10. Girl in Translation
    Jean Kwok
    Kimberly gets into a top high school and then Yale, after years of anguish as a new immigrant. "Hilarious...heart wrenching." - Booklist

So wake me up when it's all over / When I'm wiser and I'm older - Avicii
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I got bills, I gotta pay — Lunch Money Lewis
TOP 10 Historical Fiction

1. The Lions of Little Rock
   Kristin Levine
   If you still haven't read this book about the year the schools closed in Little Rock, AR., summer is the perfect time to catch up. After all, it's opening scene takes place on a high dive! It's also about friendship.

2. Stella by Starlight
   Sharon M. Draper
   The beloved author of Out of My Mind, brings us historical fiction about the Ku Klux Klan (a terrorist group) and its effect on a small Southern community, where Stella sees something she shouldn't.

3. Gone Crazy in Alabama (Gaither Sisters #3)
   Rita Williams-Garcia
   The continuing story of the Gaither sisters, who are about to learn what it's like to be fish out of water as they travel from the streets of Brooklyn to the rural South for the summer of a lifetime.

4. The Romeo and Juliet Code
   Phoebe Stone
   Do you enjoy books about spies? Codes? First crushes? Maine? Well, woo-hoo! This book combines all of that, plus World War II.

5. Family Tree #1: Better to Wish (Series)
   Ann M. Martin
   Here's another intense story set in Maine in the 30s and 40s! Abby Nichols is a young lady with a racist father, a weak mother, and several great friends. Will she make the right choices in life?

6. Between Shades of Gray
   Ruth Sepetys
   After the evil Russian dictator, Stalin, tears apart Lina's family, Lina desperately attempts to communicate with her father to tell him that she, her mom, and brother are still alive in another prison camp.

7. Chains
   Laurie Halse Anderson
   13-year-old Isabel and her disabled sister have been sold to evil people. Can Isabel make the right choices, and set them free? The saga continues in the book, Forge. (Be sure to read Fever, 1793, too!)

8. The Wednesday Wars
   Gary D. Schmidt
   Holling knows his teacher hates him. Now, thanks to his classmates' Hebrew/Catholic school schedules, it looks as if he'll be spending each Wednesday alone with her, 1:45-3:00. Yikes! Set in Long Island, 1967.

9. Okay for Now
   Gary D. Schmidt
   If you are one of the many Chapin students who enjoyed The Wednesday Wars, it may be time to tackle this more complex story about a boy who finds a safe haven in his town library. Warning: There is a Fault in Our Stars element here that will leave you crying!

10. The Paper Cowboy
    Kristin Levine
    A favorite author brings us a disturbing story of a burned sibling, an abusive mom, and a community torn apart by rumors of Communism.

I saw the sign — Ace of Base (93)
Top 10 Hip Hop/Novel in Verse/Poetry

1. The Crossover
   Kwame Alexander
   Our 7th graders enjoyed performing this 2014 Newbery winner aloud in their English/Library sections. See why in this hip-hop read about two teen boys and their dad. It's short, but a bit of a weepy.

2. When the Beat was Born
   Laban Carrick Hill
   On a hot day in 1973, Cindy Campbell threw a back-to-school party at a park in the South Bronx. Her brother, Clive Campbell, spun the records. He had a new way of playing the music to make the breaks—the musical interludes between verses—longer for dancing (hip hop).

3. A Long Walk to Water
   Linda Sue Park
   Fifth graders truly enjoyed this story about a Sudanese boy and girl triumphing over extreme situations— including flying bullets, crocodiles, water shortages, and separation from their families.

4. Brown Girl Dreaming
   Jacqueline Woodson
   In lyrical, readable verse, the famous author recounts how she became a master storyteller after struggling with reading and racism growing up. The Chapin girls who’ve liked this book, really liked it.

5. Inside Out & Back Again
   Thanhha Lai
   A young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

6. Serafina’s Promise
   Ann E. Burg
   Serafina’s dream of going to school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti becomes even more distant when the earthquake hits and she must find the courage to help her family.

7. A Moose Boosh: A Few Choice Words About Food
   Eric-Shabazz Larkin
   A city kid who fantasizes about farming on a stoop, a girl with crumpets and crêpes in her head, and a boy with a pet cabbage.

8. The Death of the Hat: A Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects
   Paul B. Janeczko / Chris Raschka
   A collection of poems about objects, from the Middle Ages when poets might have written about a sword to the present when their topics might be a birthday card.

9. Stardines Swim High Across the Sky
   Jack Prelutsky
   Silly, strange, and sensational animal poems.

10. How I Discovered Poetry
    Marilyn Nelson
    Marilyn Nelson writes about growing up African-American in the 1950s, racist teachers, and learning about the civil rights movement.

It's a love robbery — Kalin & Myles
Top 10 Chapin Classics That Still Rock

1. The Wizard of Oz: The Complete Collection
   Frank L. Baum
   Year after year, our girls proudly report back finishing the entire set over their summer breaks. Baum is an amazing writer, and you'll be (pleasantly) surprised comparing these to the movie! Try it.

2. Out of My Mind
   Sharon M. Draper
   If you've ever felt silenced, just think about how Melody feels having to rely on a computer to talk. This amazing book will suck you right into her world, and the many challenges she faces socially.

3. A Drowned Maiden's Hair
   Laura Amy Schlitz
   An orphan girl has to choose between a sumptuous life of deceit with her adoptive parents, or return to her brutal orphanage. (Note: The deception here involves impersonating dead children — eek!)

4. The Candymakers
   Wendy Mass
   Our favorite Wendy Mass book involves 4 kids competing in a candy-making contest. Yum!

5. The Invention of Hugo Cabret
   Brian Selznick
   A beautiful book, both on the surface and beneath the surface. Paris! An orphan. A train station. A message from a mechanical doll. Intrigued? Half of the answers to this book are in its pictures!

6. Chew on This: Everything You Never Wanted to Know About Fast Food
   Eric Schlosser
   Where do fast food hamburgers come from? The answer will gross you out, but students at Chapin don't seem to tire of reading about it.

7. One for the Murphys
   Lynda Mullaly Hunt
   A foster kid named Carley is removed from an unsafe environment in Las Vegas and placed with a family in Connecticut. Will she adjust to her preppy, new foster family? Will she become one of the Murphys?

8. Elsewhere
   Gabrielle Zevin
   Elsewhere is where 15-year-old Liz Hall ends up, after she has died. Here Liz will age backward from the day of her death until she becomes a baby again. But Liz wants to turn 16, not 14 again!

9. Wonder
   R.J. Palacio
   Auggie's nose and eyes aren't where they should be on his face. Can the people in his life — from his sister to the school bully — get over it?

10. And Then There Were None
    Agatha Christie
    An invitation to a private island is not all it's cracked up to be, as guest after guest turn up murdered! Christie is perfect for summer!

And I got that red lip classic thing that you like — Taylor Swift