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Summer Reading Program 8th Grade

Dear Students and Parents:

Summer vacation is an excellent time to engage in some leisure reading. The Kittatinny English Department has instituted a summer reading program designed to provide our students with reading enjoyment and relaxation.

All students are asked to read the selected book(s) indicated on the reading list. This year it is *Gathering Blue*. The books selected become the springboard for many class discussions and some have been provided to students who have a cleared library account. During the first week of school, students will be tested on the book(s). Following, books provided by the school will be collected. Any student who does not return a book will incur a fee of \$6 to cover the cost. Students do not need to complete a book report form for the required book(s), but they must complete notes on each chapter so that they can keep track and review details of the reading.

In addition, students are encouraged to read other books from the list of titles for their grade level. The list reflects many interests and reading levels. Many of the books can be obtained from local libraries and bookstores.

On behalf of the entire faculty, the English Department wishes everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. We appreciate your support and participation in the summer reading program.

Have an enjoyable summer!

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8th Grade Reading List - Updated June, 2018 – available on KRHS website, www.krhs.net



This reading list is a collection of suggested reading presented to the students to encourage them to embrace reading. These books are accredited books that are listed on the American Library Association Website: ALA.org. The list, mostly of the newer contemporary novels, in no way reflects Kittatinny's approval or disapproval of the thematic content of these specific works.

A Day No Pigs Would Die
A Step from Heaven
Alien Spring
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Blue Avenger
Boys Without Names
Bucking the Sarge
Buddha Boy
The Coach Nobody Liked
The Dog Who Wouldn't Be
Farewell to Manzanar
Freaky Friday
The Gadget

Robert Peck
An Na
Anne Schraff
James Herriot
Norma Howe
Kashmira Sheth
Christopher Paul Curtis
Kathe Koja
J. F. Carson
Farley Mowat
Jeanne Wakatzuki
Mary Rodgers
Paul Zindel

<i>Gathering Blue</i> (Required Reading – all 8th graders)	<i>Lois Lowry</i>
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Hoot
How My Private Personal Journal Became a Best Seller
I Heard the Owl Call My Name
Inkheart
Jim Thorpe Story
Keeping the Moon
Lord of the Deep
Midnight For Charlie Bone
Moonstone
Nine Coaches Waiting
Our Only May Amelia
The People: No Different Flesh
Quest of the Keys
The Raft
Savage Sam
Seraphina
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
Snow Goose
Summer of My German Soldier
Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts
Thief Lord
Travel Team
Words in the Dust

Lois Lowry
Carol Hiassen
Julia DeVillers
Margaret Craven
Cornelia Funke
Gene Schoor
Sara Dessen
Graham Salisbury
Jenny Nimmo
Wilkie Collins
Mary Stewart
Jennifer Holm
Zenna Henderson
Scotty Sanders
S. A. Bodeen
Fred Gipson
Rachel Hartman
Ann Brashares
Paul Gallico
Bette Greene
Richard Peck
Cornelia Funke
Mike Lupica
Trent Reedy

HONORS ONLY ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READING

Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck