

# FRANKLIN ROAD ACADEMY



## Middle School Summer Reading 2011

### Grades 6 — 8

Go to the FRA students' website to complete assignments on these books.

<http://www.frapanthers.com/students>

Students should be prepared to write an essay on the choice books based upon the notes taken on the Book Notes form available on the website:

<http://www.frapanthers.com/students>

### Sixth Grade Summer Reading

#### Required book:

*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* - Avi

#### Choice Books

Choose two of the following books for a total of three books:

#### Fiction:

*Wolves of Willoughby Chase* - Joan Aiken

*A View from Saturday* – E. L. Konigsburg

*The Midwife's Apprentice* – Karen Cushman

*Goose Chase* – Patricia Kindl

*The Westing Game* – Ellen Raskin

*Dragonsong* – Anne McCaffrey

*Gossamer* – Lois Lowry

*Wringer* – Jerry Spinelli

*All of the Above* – Shellye Pearsall

*Bella at Midnight* – Diane Stanley

*Weedflower* -- Cynthia Kadohata

*Wings* -- William Loizeaux

*On the Wings of Heroes* – Richard Peck

*Small Steps* (companion to *Holes*) – Louis

Sachar

*Twenty-One Balloons* - William Pene du Bois

*Firegirl* – Tony Abbott

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* -- Jennifer Choldenko

*The Egypt Game* - Zilpha Keatley Snyder

*Crispin at the Edge of the World* - Avi

#### Nonfiction:

*Escape: The Story of Harry Houdini* – Sid Fleishman

*After the Last Dog Died : The True Life, Hair-Raising Adventure of Douglas Mawson's 1912*

*Antarctic Adventure* - Carmen Bredeson

*Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)* – Kathleen Krull

*Lives of the Athletes: Thrills, Spills, (and What the Neighbors Thought)* – Kathleen Krull

## Seventh Grade Summer Reading

### Required book:

*The Cay* - Theodore Taylor

### Choice books:

Choose one of the following for a total of two books.

*Fire Bringer* – David Clement-Davies

*I Heard the Owl* – Margaret Craven

*The Samurai's Tale* – Erik C. Haugaard

*The Boy and the Samurai* – Erik C. Haugaard

*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural*

*Revolution* – Ji-li Jiang

*Kim* – Rudyard Kipling

*The Girls* – Amy Goldman Koss

*Jacob Have I Loved* – Katherine Paterson

*The Rifle* – Gary Paulsen

*Lord of the Deep* – Graham Salisbury

*Kidnapped* – Robert Louis Stevenson

*Treasure Island* – Robert Louis Stevenson

*The Sword and the Circle* – Rosemary Sutcliffe

*A Single Shard* - Linda Sue Park

Any one novel by S. E. Hinton

## Eighth Grade Summer Reading

### Required book:

*The Gospel According to Larry* - Janet Tashjian

### Choice books:

Select at least **two** books listed below which you have **not** previously read for a total of three books.

#### Fiction

*Across Five Aprils* – Irene Hunt

*Morning Is a Long Time Coming* – Bette Greene

*Little Women* – Louisa May Alcott

*The Education of Little Tree* – Forrest Carter and Rennard Strickland

*Summer of My German Soldier* – Betty Greene

*Johnny Tremain* – Esther Forbes

*Farewell to Manzanar* – James D. Houston

*Rifles for Watie* – Harold Keith

*Christy* – Catherine Marshall

*Gone with the Wind* – Margaret Mitchell

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* – Betty Smith

*Copper Sun* --- Sharon Draper

*Nothing But the Truth* – Avi

*Vote For Larry* – Janet Tashjian

*London Calling* --- Edward Bloor

*The Book Thief* --- Markus Zusak

*Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* – Mildred D. Taylor

*The Hiding Place* - Corrie Ten Boom

*Wolf by the Ears* - Ann Rinaldi

*Anne of Green Gables* - L. M. Montgomery

#### Nonfiction

*The Walk West: A Walk Across America 2* - Peter Jenkins