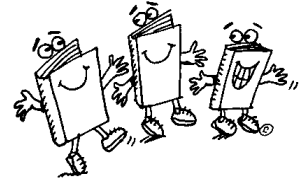


## **Bernardsville Middle School Suggested Summer Reading List**



### **Students Entering Grade 7**

#### **Top Teacher Picks:**

##### ***The Last Olympian – Percy Jackson Series – Rick Riordan***

The long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy Jackson's sixteenth birthday unfolds as he leads an army of young demigods to stop Kronos in his advance on New York City, while the Olympians struggle to contain the rampaging monster, Typhon.

##### ***Magyk – Septimus Heap Series – Angie Sage***

Jenna learns that she is a princess found as a baby by the man she believed was her father and now she and Septimus, who was taken at birth by the midwife, are being threatened by the evil wizard, DomDaniel who intends to finish off the entire royal line.

##### ***The Alchemyst - Michael Scott***

Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

##### ***- Mrs. Burke, Literacy – Grade 7***

##### ***Al Capone Does My Shirts – Gennifer Choldenko***

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

##### ***The Secret Blog of Raisin Rodriguez – Judy Goldschmidt***

In a weblog she sends to her best friends back in Berkeley, seventh-grader Raisin Rodriguez chronicles her successes and her more frequent humiliating failures as she attempts to make friends at her new Philadelphia school.

##### ***A Mango-Shaped Space – Wendy Mass***

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.

##### ***- Ms. Flynn, Literacy – Grade 7***

##### ***Maximum Ride Series - James Patterson***

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

##### ***The Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins***

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

##### ***- Miss MacGorman, Middle School Media Specialist***

#### **Suggested Titles:**

##### ***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea - Jules Verne***

Jules Verne's classic nineteenth-century science-fiction tale about a French professor and his companions who are trapped aboard a futuristic submarine with a mad sea captain and come face to face with exotic ocean creatures and strange sights hidden from the world above.

##### ***Beyond the Deepwoods: Edge Chronicles #1 - Paul Stewart***

Thirteen-year-old Twig, having always looked and felt different from his woodtroll family, learns that he

is adopted and travels out of his Deepwoods home to find the place where he belongs.

##### ***The Boy in the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne***

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

##### ***Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam - Cynthia Kadohata***

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

***The Diamond of Drury Lane - Julia Golding***

Orphan Catherine "Cat" Royal, living at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, tries to find the "diamond" supposedly hidden in the theater, which unmasks a treasonous political cartoonist, and involves her in the street gangs of Covent Garden and the world of nobility.

***The Golden Goblet - Eloise Jarvis McGraw***

A young Egyptian boy struggles to reveal a hideous crime and reshape his own destiny.

***The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman***

The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

***Lyddie - Katherine Paterson***

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

***Moorchild - Eloise McGraw***

Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk," a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human child whose place she had been given.

***The Printer's Devil - Paul Bajoria***

After printing the "Wanted" posters for some of London's most notorious inhabitants, a printer's boy is entangled, by a genuine convict, in a series of mistaken identities and events leading back to the boy's own mysterious past.

***Run, Boy, Run - Uri Orlev***

Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.

***Savvy - Ingrid Law***

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

***The Shamer's Daughter: The Shamer's Chronicles - Lene Kaarberbol***

After her mother, a Shamer, is summoned to Dunark for a mission, ten-year-old Dina is forced to use her own special powers as she is caught up in an adventure of political intrigue and survival.

***SilverFin: Young Bond #1 - Charles Higson***

Young James Bond, a student at the Eton boarding school in the 1930s, travels to his aunt's Scotland estate for the Easter holidays where he becomes caught up in investigating the disappearance of a local boy, a crime allegedly linked to a madman with a plot for global domination.

***Stargirl - Jerry Spinelli***

Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

***Tales of the Greek Heroes - Roger Lancelyn Green***

Retells nineteen heroic Greek myths, including the stories of Prometheus, Heracles, Theseus, Hermes and Apollo, the first fall of Troy, and the battle of the Giants.

***Tangerine - Edward Bloor***

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

***The Time Travelers: The Gideon Trilogy #1 - Linda Buckley-Archer***

When an attempt to bring Peter and Kate back to their own time is bungled, Peter finds himself stranded in 1763 while The Tar Man, a villainous eighteenth-century criminal, returns with Kate to twenty-first-century London.

***Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson***

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of an inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune. Includes review questions.

***The Wild Girls - Pat Murphy***

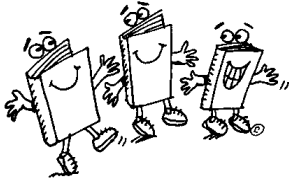
Twelve-year-old Joan, worried that she will not have any friends when her family moves from Connecticut to California, bonds right away with Sarah, a girl who prefers to be called Fox, and the two spend a joyous summer playing outside, making up stories, and attending a writing class.

***Zorgamazoo - Robert Paul Weston***

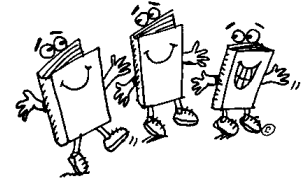
Imaginative and adventurous Katrina eludes her maniacal guardian to help Morty, a member of a vanishing breed of zorgles, with his quest to uncover the fate of the fabled zorgles of Zorgmazoo as well as of other creatures that seem to have disappeared from the Earth.

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## **Bernardsville Middle School Suggested Summer Reading List**



### **Students Entering Grade 8**

#### **Top Teacher Picks:**

##### ***The Vampire Diaries* – L.J. Smith**

Two vampire brothers, Stefan and Damon, are torn apart by their mutual love for Elena, a golden girl who can have any boy she wants.

##### ***City of Bones* – The Mortal Instruments Series – Cassandra Clare**

Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

##### **- Ms. Both, Literacy - Grade 8**

##### ***The Extraordinary Cases of Sherlock Holmes* – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

Presents eight classic Sherlock Holmes mysteries, including "The Adventure of the Speckled Band," "Silver Blaze," and "The Reigate Puzzle."

##### ***The Fall of the House of Usher: and other tales* – Edgar Allen Poe**

Presents fifteen tales of horror by Edgar Allan Poe, including "The Fall of the House of Usher."

##### ***The Lord of the Rings: Single-Volume Edition* – J.R.R. Tolkien**

A one-volume edition of the trilogy which tells of the quest undertaken by the hobbit Frodo and his

companions to journey across Middle-earth and cast the evil One Ring, into the Cracks of Doom.

##### **- Mrs. White, Literacy – Grade 8**

##### ***The Hunger Games* - Suzanne Collins**

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

##### ***The Compound* by S.E. Bodeen**

Fifteen-year-old Eli, locked inside a radiation-proof compound built by his father to keep them safe following a nuclear attack, begins to question his future, as well as his father's grip on sanity as the family's situation steadily disintegrates over the course of six years.

##### ***Waiting for Normal* - Leslie Connor**

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

##### **- Miss MacGorman, Middle School Media Specialist**

#### **Suggested Titles:**

##### ***3 Willows* - Anna Brashares**

Ama, Jo, and Polly, three close friends from Bethesda, Maryland, are looking forward to high school, but wonder if their relationship will survive the challenges that each girl faces over the summer break.

##### ***7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers* - Sean Covey**

Presents self-assessments, self-examination questions, journal prompts, and other activities designed to help teenagers gain an awareness of their character, strengths, and weaknesses and improve themselves by strengthening their self-esteem, self-control, friendships, and focus on goals.

##### ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* - Sherman Alexie**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.

##### ***The Alchemyst* - Michael Scott**

Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

***Circle Unbroken - Sollace Hotze***

Captured by a roving band of Sioux Indians and brought up as the chief's daughter, Rachel is recaptured by her white family and finds it difficult to adjust, as she longs to return to the tribe.

***Eon: Dragoneye Reborn - Alison Goodman***

Sixteen-year-old Eon hopes to become an apprentice to one of the twelve energy dragons of good fortune and learn to be its main interpreter, but to do so will require much, including keeping secret that she is a girl.

***If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period - Gennifer Choldenko***

Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, describe how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate.

***Journey to the Center of the Earth - Jules Verne***

Jules Verne's classic nineteenth-century science-fiction story about a scientist who leads a group on a treacherous journey to the center of the earth and discovers a lost civilization.

***Keeper - Mal Peet***

Paul Faustino learns about world-famous goalkeeper, El Gato's encounter with a mystical mentor named the Keeper, in the South American rain forest and the magical lessons he learned under his tutelage that helped him become the best in the world.

***King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table - Roger Lancelyn Green***

A retelling of the story of the boy fated to be the "true-born King of Britain," covering his glorious reign and his tragic, yet triumphant, passing.

***Life As We Knew It - Susan Beth Pfeffer***

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

***Nation - Terry Pratchett***

A tsunami destroys everything leaving Mau, an island boy, Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, and a small group of refugees responsible for rebuilding their village and their lives.

***Number Devil - Hans Magnus Enzensberger***

Annoyed with his math teacher who assigns word problems and won't let him use a calculator, twelve-year-old Robert finds help from the number devil in his dreams.

***The Once and Future King - T.H. White***

Tells the story of the youth and reign of King Arthur, the establishment of the Round Table, and the search for the Holy Grail.

***The Princess Bride - William Goldman***

Westley, a farm boy, goes off to seek his fortune shortly after declaring his love for Buttercup, the most beautiful woman in the world, but their relationship is put to the test when his ship is captured by pirates and she is summoned to become the bride of the prince.

***Snow Bound - Harry Mazer***

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***Stonecutter - Leander Watts***

In 1835 in rural New York State, apprentice stonecutter Albion Straight relates his experiences when he is hired by the strangely menacing John Good to carve a statue of his daughter.

***Stranger With My Face - Lois Duncan***

A seventeen-year-old senses she is being spied on and probably impersonated, but when she discovers what actually is occurring, it is more unbelievable than she ever imagined.

***The Watsons Go to Birmingham - Christopher Paul Curtis***

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

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