

Middle School Summer Reading List  
Lexile 700's

The ghost sitter - Griffin, Peni R.

When she realizes that her new house is haunted by the ghost of a ten-year-old girl who used to live there, Charlotte tries to help her find peace. AR: 4.8 Lexile: 700

The savage damsel and the dwarf - Morris, Gerald, Lynet, a feisty young woman, journeys to King Arthur's court in order to find a champion to rescue her beautiful older sister, and she is joined in her quest by a clever dwarf and a bold kitchen knave, neither of whom are not what they seem. AR: 5.3 Lexile: 700

Through the hidden door - Wells, Rosemary. Two boys stumble upon the remains of an ancient underground civilization. AR: 4.7 Lexile: 710

The other side of truth - Naidoo, Beverley. Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport and they are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their journalist father back in Nigeria. AR: 5.3 Lexile: 710

Flipped - Van Draanen, Wendelin.

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years. AR: 4.8 Lexile: 720

Trouble don't last - Pearsall, Shelley. Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad. AR: 4.8 Lexile: 720

The house on the gulf - Haddix, Margaret Peterson.

A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a housesitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there. AR: 4.9 Lexile: 730

Squire - Pierce, Tamora.

Keladry of Mindelan is chosen to be the squire for the legendary Lord Raoul and sets out to prove her worth as a jousting warrior, and guardian of a fiery griffin. AR: 5.6 Lexile: 730

Beatnik rutabagas from beyond the stars - Dodd, Quentin, Whisked away on space ships to serve as generals of opposing armies, best friends and sci-fi movie fans Walter Nutria and Yselle Meridian soon convince the aliens they must work together against the real menaces, Space Mice from Galaxy Four and their leader, The Boss. AR: 5.5 Lexile: 740

Handbook for boys : a novel - Myers, Walter Dean, Sixteen-year-old Jimmy, on probation for assault, talks about life with three old men in a Harlem barbershop and hears about the tools he can use to get what he wants. AR: 4.9 Lexile: 740

Breaking through - Jimenez, Francisco,

Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education. AR: 5.3 Lexile: 750

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Under the baseball moon - Ritter, John H.,

Andy and Glory, two fifteen-year-olds from Ocean Beach, California, pursue their respective dreams of becoming a famous musician and a professional softball player.  
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Dancing in Cadillac light - Holt, Kimberly Willis.

In 1968, eleven-year-old Jaynell's life in the town of Moon, Texas, is enlivened when her eccentric Grandpa comes to live with her family AR: 5.1 Lexile: 760

Whales on stilts - Anderson, M. T. Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales. AR: 4.6 Lexile: 760

Rowan Hood, outlaw girl of Sherwood Forest - Springer, Nancy.

In her quest to connect with Robin Hood, the father she has never met, thirteen-year-old Rosemary disguises herself as a boy, befriends a half-wolf, half-dog, a runaway princess, and an overgrown boy whose singing is hypnotic, and makes peace with her elfin heritage. AR: 5.2 Lexile: 760

Jeremy Fink and the meaning of life - Mass, Wendy,

Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life. AR: 4.5 Lexile: 770

Shadow-catcher - Levin, Betty. Although he often fancied himself a detective, Jonathan must become a real sleuth when he attempts to solve a mystery while accompanying his grandfather, a Civil War veteran and traveling photographer in Maine.

AR: 5.4 Lexile: 770

Inkheart - Funke, Cornelia Caroline.

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to release an immortal monster from the story. AR: 5.4 Lexile: 780

Keeper - Peet, Mal.

South American journalist Paul Faustino begins his interview with World Cup Soccer star El Gato and learns a fantastic story of a young, lonely boy growing up in the middle of a rain forest who wandered upon a mysterious soccer field and an apparition that appeared to him daily. AR: 5.1 Lexile: 780

Cirque du freak: Vampire Mountain - Shan, Darren. Mr. Crepsley leads Darren Shan on a dangerous trek to Vampire Mountain, the very heart of the vampire world, to be presented to the Council, but an encounter with the Vampanese along the way means trouble. AR: 5.3 Lexile: 790

Tripping over the lunch lady : and other school stories - An anthology of ten humorous short stories about life in school, written by well-known authors of children's books.  
AR: 4.8 Lexile: 790