

EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

Students entering eighth grade literature class in the fall are to have read at least ONE of the selections from Group A and at least ONE of the selections from Group B.

GROUP A

Who Do You Think You Are? Rochman and McCampbell (\$7.99) A collection of short stories which explores the complexities of friendship that can challenge teenagers today.

Still Me Christopher Reeve (\$7.99) The inspirational biography of Christopher Reeve after his tragic riding accident.

Having Our Say ---The First 100 Years Delaney and Delaney (\$6.99) Two African-American women, Sarah and Elizabeth Delaney, tell their stories of a century of American history.

The Bean Trees Barbara Kingsolver (\$6.99) Taylor Greer flees her harsh life in Appalachia and heads west in this novel of love and friendship, abandonment and belonging.

GROUP B

Whirligig Paul Fleishman (\$4.99) When sixteen-year-old Brent causes the death of a girl, his sentence is to go to the four corners of the country to build whirligigs in her image and to influence others' lives in ways he never suspects.

Monster Walter Dean Meyers (\$6.99) Is Steve Harmon guilty of being the lookout in a botched robbery in which a storeowner is killed? As he awaits the results of the trial, Steve writes the story as if it were a screenplay for a movie.

Rules of the Road Bauer (\$4.99) Jenna Boller, star employee of a shoestore chain, is hired to drive the store's elderly president for the summer. So begins a cross-country adventure where she and her employer learn a lot about the rules of the road---the rules of life.

Upon returning to school in the fall, the students should be prepared to complete an assignment in connection with each of the books read over the summer. Each of the assignments will result in two of the first grades for the quarter for literature class.

In addition, students entering eighth grade social studies in the fall are required to read *Runs with Horses*, Burks, (\$5.00) As a member of the last band of Apaches to resist capture by the U.S. government, sixteen-year-old Runs with Horses struggles to honor his training as a warrior in the face of the historical realities of 1886.

** Note: You should be able to find these books at the library. The prices given do not indicate that you are expected to buy them.