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*2009 Middle School Summer Reading*

Dear Middle School Student,

As you know, reading is a lifelong experience—your education doesn't stop when you're out of school! The ASP Middle School teachers would like to encourage you to read a lot this summer, and not just in English.

This document is in two sections. The first explains the required reading assignment for all students in the regular English program. (EAL students are should read at whatever level they feel most comfortable.) The second section is the recommended reading list from the French teachers, and this applies to students at all levels.

Enjoy yourself!

Jim Ferguson  
Middle School Director

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## Where to get your books

### English books

For those of you who may be new to Paris, please note that there are several major English language bookstores in the city.

*The Red Wheelbarrow*  
22 rue Saint-Paul  
75004 Paris  
métro: Saint-Paul  
tel: 01.48.04.75.08

*W.H. Smith*  
248 rue de Rivoli  
75001 Paris  
métro: Concorde  
tel: 01.44.77.88.99

*The Village Voice*  
6 rue Princesse  
75006 Paris  
métro: Mabillon  
tel: 01.46.33.36.47

Virtually all of these books can be ordered on line from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [amazon.fr](http://amazon.fr) (click on *livres en anglais*).

### French books

French books are easy to get in France! The store with the biggest choice is probably FNAC ([fnac.com](http://fnac.com)), which has numerous branches. You can also order any of the books from [amazon.fr](http://amazon.fr).



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## Required Reading in English

The English teachers and librarians have compiled this list carefully with the aim of helping you discover new titles and authors over the summer. In cases where the book has “series” written next to it, you may read the next title in that series if you have already read the book that’s listed. The Middle School English teachers and librarians have made a careful selection of titles, combining classics with contemporary novels, a number of which were Newbery Medal-winners. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child will read the books required from the accompanying list. Because we encourage our students to take notes in the required book as they read, we recommend that students buy their own copy and have it on hand in the new school year.

### Requirements:

- Students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade must read a minimum of three books by three different authors from this reading list.
- Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho plus a minimum of two other books by two different authors from this reading list.
- Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are required to read *A Week in the Woods* by Andrew Clements, plus a minimum of two other books by two different authors from this list.

As you read, you may find it helpful to note important or memorable passages in the books (use post-it notes or pencil). Your English teacher will assign projects based on your summer reading. **Make sure you have the books with you when school starts!**

To find out more about any of these books, go online to the American School of Paris website. Go to the “Quicklinks” drop down menu and click on the Destiny Library Catalog. Then click on *LA BIBLIOTHEQUE*.

Enjoy a summer full of great reading!

See you in August.

Sincerely,

*Diane Smith – 8<sup>th</sup> grade English Teacher*

*Elli Gildnes – 7<sup>th</sup> grade English Teacher*

*Julie Forbes – 6<sup>th</sup> grade English Teacher*

*Sherri Rouiller and Meg Seaver – Librarians*



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Underlined titles are more suitable for older students.

Author	Title
Adams, Douglas	<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> (series)
Adams, Richard	<u><i>Watership Down</i></u>
Alexie, Sherman	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>
Almond, David	<i>Skellig</i>
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Chains</i>
Appelt, Kathi	<i>The Underneath</i>
Avi	<i>The Seer of Shadows</i>
Balliett, Blue	<i>The Calder Game</i>
Blackman, Malorie	<i>Pig Heart Boy</i>
Bloor, Edward	<i>Taken</i>
Blume, Judy	<i>Deenie</i>
Bowler, Tim	<i>Storm Catchers</i>
Boyce, Frank Cottrell	<i>Millions</i>
Boyne, John	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i>
Brande, Robin	<i>Evolution, Me &amp; Others Freaks of Nature</i>
Brooks, Kevin	<u><i>Kissing the Rain</i></u>
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	<i>The Secret Garden</i>
Cassidy, Anne	<i>Looking for JJ</i>
Cassidy, Cathy	<i>Indigo Blue</i>
Choldenko, Gennifer	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Airman</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Hunger Games</i>
Compestine, Ying Chang	<i>Revolution is Not a Dinner Party</i>
Corder, Zizou	<i>Lion Boy</i> (series)
Cormier, Robert	<u><i>Rag and Bone Shop</i></u>
Craig, Joe	<i>Jimmy Coates: Assassin?</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>
Cross, Gillian	<i>The Dark Ground</i>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>The Watsons Go To Birmingham</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Danny, the Champion of the World</i>
Danziger, Paula	<i>The Cat Ate My Gymsuit</i>
Divakakaruni, Chitra	<u><i>Sister of my Heart</i></u>
Druitt, Tobias	<i>Corydon and the Island of Monsters</i> (series)
Duncan, Lois	<i>Stranger with my Face</i>

Fine, Anne	<i>The Road of Bones</i>
Flake, Sharon	<i>The Skin I'm In</i>
French, Jackie	<i>Hitler's Daughter</i>
Funke, Cornelia	<i>Inkspell</i>
Gaiman, Neil	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>
Gardner, Sally	<i>The Red Necklace</i>
Geason, Susan	<i>Flight of the Falcon</i>
Geras, Adèle	<u><i>Troy</i></u>
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Eleven</i>
Green, Tim	<i>Football Genius</i>
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Found</i>
Haddon, Mark	<u><i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime</i></u>
Hale, Shannon	<i>Princess Academy</i>
Henkes, Kevin	<i>Olive's Ocean</i>
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Scat</i>
Higson, Charlie	<i>Silverfin</i> (Young Bond series)
Hinton, Nigel	<i>Time Bomb</i>
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Gatekeepers</i> (series)
Howe, James	<i>The Misfits</i>
Hunter, Erin	<i>Warriors</i> (series)
Ibbotson, Eva	<i>The Secret Countess</i>
Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>Kira Kira</i>
Kent, Rose	<i>Kimchi &amp; Calamari</i>
Kluger, Steve	<u><i>My Most Excellent Year</i></u>
Korman, Gordon	<i>No More Dead Dogs</i>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>
Lester, Julius	<i>Day of Tears</i>
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>The Wish</i>
Lewis, C.S.	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i> (series)
Lockhart, E.	<i>The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks</i>
London, Jack	<i>The Call of the Wild</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Number the Stars</i>
Lupica, Mike	<i>Travel Team</i>
MacHale, D.J.	<i>The Merchant of Death</i> (Pendragon series)
Mazer, Norma Fox	<i>The Missing Girl</i>
McCaughrean, Geraldine	<i>Plundering Paradise</i>
McKay, Hilary	<i>Saffy's Angel</i> (sequels)
Moriarty, Jaclyn	<i>Feeling Sorry for Celia</i>
Muchamore, Robert	<i>The Recruit</i> (Cherub series)
Myers, Walter Dean	<u><i>Fallen Angels</i></u>
Naidoo, Beverley	<i>The Other Side of Truth</i>
Namioka, Lensey	<i>Ties that Bind, Ties that Break</i>

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<i>Alice the Brave</i>
Ness, Patrick	<i>Knife of Never Letting Go</i>
Nix, Garth	<i>The Keys to the Kingdom (series)</i>
Nye, Naomi Shihab	<i>Habibi</i>
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon (series)</i>
Park, Linda Sue	<i>A Single Shard</i>
Pattou, Edith	<i>East</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Harris and Me</i>
Pearson, Mary E.	<i>Scribbler of Dreams</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>Here Lies the Librarian</i>
Pfeffer, Susan Beth	<i>Life As We Knew It</i>
Pennac, Daniel	<i>Dog</i>
Philbrick, Rodman	<i>Freak the Mighty</i>
Pierce, Tamora	<i>First Test (Protector of the Small Quartet)</i>
Pullman, Philip	<i>His Dark Materials (series)</i>
Raskin, Ellen	<i>The Westing Game</i>
Rawls, Wilson	<i>Summer of the Monkeys</i>
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson series)</i>
Roberts, Willo Davis	<i>The View from the Cherry Tree</i>
Rosoff, Meg	<i>How I Live Now</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>Small Steps</i>
Salinger, J.D.	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>
Shusterman, Neal	<i>The Schwa was Here</i>
Singer, Nicky	<i>Feather Boy</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Stargirl</i>
Sutcliff, Rosemary	<i>The Eagle of the Ninth</i>
Stewart, Trenton Lee	<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>
Taylor, Mildred	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry</i>
Tolkin, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Verne, Jules	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>
Walker, Alice	<i>The Color Purple</i>
Webb, Sarah	<i>Amy Green Teen Agony Queen</i>
Werlin, Nancy	<i>The Rules of Survival</i>
Westerfield, Scott	<i>Uglies</i>
Whelan, Gloria	<i>Homeless Bird</i>
White, Andrea	<i>Surviving Antarctica</i>
Wilson, Jacqueline	<i>Dustbin Baby</i>
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	<i>Bat 6</i>
Wrede, Patricia	<i>Enchanted Forest Chronicles (series)</i>
Zevin, Gabrielle	<i>Elsewhere</i>
Zindel, Paul	<i>The Pigman</i>
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i>



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## **Recommended Reading in French**

Your French teachers have chosen a varied selection of books ranging from beginners' to native speakers' level. You are not required to read any number of books in particular but the teachers recommend that you read for pleasure, and at your own pace and level, over the summer.

Even if you're a complete beginner in French you could explore the magazines or leveled books and see how much you can figure out on your own.

If you already have studied French, you will be able to find a suitable book among any of the leveled series listed below.

No matter what your level is, if you have a particular interest in sports, computers, etc., then pick up a French specialist magazine in this field and have some fun.

Profitez bien de vos vacances. Rendezvous à la rentrée!

Cordialement,

*Lara Bailly  
Sylvie De Oliveira  
Pascale Doyle  
Valérie Jackson*

### ***French as a Foreign Language List (Liste Français Langue Étrangère)***

<b>Collection</b>	<b>Titre</b>
Lire le Français (Clé International)	<i>Levels : Beginners (bleu), Intermediate (vert), Advanced (rouge)</i>
Découverte (Clé International)	<i>Levels : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6</i>
Les Mini Syros (Syros)	<i>Mini Souris</i>
Lecture Jeunesse (Copp Clark Pitman Ltd.)	<i>Série Jeunesse</i>
Lire en français facile (Hachette, FLE)	<i>Levels : 1, 2</i>

## *Advanced French and Native-Speakers List (Liste Avancé/Francophone)*

Underlined titles are more suitable for very good readers and native speakers.

Les titres soulignés sont plus adaptés pour les bons lecteurs et les francophones.

<b>Auteur</b>	<b>Titre</b>
Arrou-Vignod	<i>Le collège fantôme</i>
Asklund, J.	<i>Un trésor dans l'ordinateur</i>
Bordage, P.	<i>Ceux qui sauront</i>
Bottero, P.	<i>Les mondes d'Ewilan</i>
Brisou-Pellen, E.	<i>Deux graines de cacao</i> <i>Les cinq Ecus de Bretagne</i>
Buzzati, D.	<i>La fameuse invasion de la Sicile par les ours</i>
Danzigues, P.	<i>Moi, Lili Graffiti</i> <i>Lili Graffiti</i> <i>La rentrée de Lili</i>
Daudet, A.	<u><i>Le petit chose</i></u>
Fresse, G.	<i>Sale temps pour les grenouilles</i>
Friot, B.	<i>Histoire pressée</i>
Gautier, T.	<u><i>Le roman de la momie</i></u>
Gilberte Niquet	<i>Le jour du match</i>
Giono, G.	<u><i>L'homme qui plantait des arbres</i></u>
Giorda	<i>La plante mystérieuse</i>
Hassan, Y.	<i>Un grand-père tombé du ciel</i>
Jay, A.	<i>Complot à Versailles</i>
Joly, D.	<i>Sous la Révolution française</i>
Kérillis, H.	<i>La classe de 6<sup>ème</sup> découvre l'Europe</i> <i>La classe de 6<sup>ème</sup> tourne un film</i>
Kessel, J.	<u><i>Le lion</i></u>
L'instit.	<i>Concerto pour Guillaume</i> <i>Les révélations</i> <i>Menteur !</i>
Lavolle, L.N.	<i>L'acrobate de Minos</i>
Le Clézio, JM	<u><i>Voyage au pays des arbres</i></u> <u><i>Celui qui n'avait jamais vu la mer</i></u>
Lefevre, T.	<i>Le voleur de Noël</i>
Léourier, C.	<i>Le chemin de Rungis</i>
Martel, Y.	<i>L'histoire de Pi</i>
Maupassant, G.	<i>Une partie de campagne</i> <i>Neuf contes et nouvelles</i> <i>Histoires fantastiques</i>
Méliade, S.	<i>Rendez-vous au collège</i>
Morgenstern, S.	<i>La 6<sup>ème</sup></i>
Morpugo, M.	<i>Le royaume de Kensuke</i>

Mourlevat, J-C.	<i>L'enfant Océan</i>
Nozière, J.P.	<i>Des crimes comme ci comme chat</i>
Pef	<i>Les belles lisses poires de France</i>
Pennac, D.	<i>Cabot-Caboche</i> <i>L'évasion de Kamo</i> <i>Kamo, l'idée du siècle</i> <i>Kamo et moi</i>
Petit, X.-L.	<i>Le col des milles larmes</i>
Pinguilly, Y.	<i>Manèges dans le désert</i> <i>Le secret de la falaise</i> <i>Le ballon d'or</i>
Prévert, J.	<i>Contes pour enfants pas sages</i>
Renard, J.	<u><i>Poil de Carotte</i></u>
Sand, G.	<u><i>Le chêne parlant</i></u>
Sempé	<i>Le petit Nicolas</i>
Shangdi, F.	<i>Thimothée découvre l'Inde</i>
Slocombe, R.	<i>Le détectice du Palace Hôtel</i>
Smadja, B.	<i>Il faut sauver Saïd</i>
Tournier, M.	<i>Vendredi ou la vie sauvage</i> <i>Sept contes</i>
Uhlman, F.	<i>L'ami retrouvé</i>
Valdès, Z.	<i>Au clair de Luna</i>
Vasconcelos, J.M. de	<i>Mon bel oranger</i>
Vernes, J.	<u><i>Le tour du monde en 80 jours</i></u>
Zenatti, V.	<i>Adieu mes 9 ans.</i>