

The Baldwin School
Middle School Summer Reading 2010

Students should read the **two** required books for their grade and **two** additional books that they may select from the Middle School Independent Reading List, a total of **four** books. The Middle School Independent Reading List is attached to this packet. Please use the guidelines on the back of this sheet to type your **summer book list**, which includes at least four books; students are always welcome to read additional titles of their personal choice.

Entering Grade 6	<i>Weedflower</i> by Cynthia Kadohata <i>When My Name Was Keoko</i> by Linda Sue Park Plus, two books on the Middle School Independent Reading List
Entering Grade 7	<i>Esperanza Rising</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan <i>Funny in Farsi</i> by Firoozeh Dumas Plus, two books on the Middle School Independent Reading List
Entering Grade 8	<i>The Chosen</i> by Chaim Potok <i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho Plus, two books on the Middle School Independent Reading List

Students should complete the following reading assignment for one of the books that they select from the Middle School Independent Reading List (not for one of the two required grade-level books). *Students will submit these assignments to English teachers on the first day of school.* Requirements include a typed document, at least two pages in length, double-spaced, and 12-point font.

Write a letter to the author of the book that you select. Be sure to include the book's title. Use this structure for your letter:

- In the first paragraph, introduce and explain the elements of the story—including setting, character, plot, and conflict.
- In the second paragraph, evaluate the main idea or theme of the story and respond to this idea by presenting at least three questions to the author.
- In the third paragraph, make personal connections between the theme and your life today. You should also evaluate the writer's style and language.

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Entering Grade 6

When My Name Was Keoko

ISBN-13: 9780440419440

Weedflower

ISBN-13: 9781416975663

Entering Grade 7

Funny in Farsi

ISBN-13: 9780812968378

Esperanza Rising

ISBN-13: 9780439120425

Entering Grade 8

The Alchemist. The ISBN is 9780061122415.

The Chosen

ISBN-13: 9780449213445