

John Witherspoon Middle School

2013 Summer Reading List

English Department

Rising Grade 6

“Nothing makes you smarter than reading.”...Mary Ellen Giacobbe

Directions for required reading: Read *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. Complete the graphic organizer on the reverse side of this page and be prepared to discuss and write about the novel when you return to school.

A second book is to be read from the following list of choices. Be prepared to write about the second book by the third week of the school year.

- 1. *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo**
- 2. *Five Children and It* by E. Nesbit**
- 3. *Dragon’s Gate* by Laurence Yep**
- 4. *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix**
- 5. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L’Engle**
- 6. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis**

(Students: Return this completed paper to your English teacher during the first week of school.)

Parent Approval:

Dear Parents or Guardians:

Please indicate below your approval of your child’s second reading:

Title: _____ Author: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Name _____

Period _____

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Directions: Write in complete sentences.

<p>Describe an important event or idea in <i>Hatchet</i>.</p>	<p>I chose this event as important because:</p>
<p>Explain how this book connects to your own personal life experiences, other pieces of literature, or historical events.</p>	