MORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST
GRADE 7 - 2016
Mustangs Who Read Succeed!

All Morton Middle School students are required to read two books over the summer from the approved list and take an Accelerated reader (AR) test upon their return to school. Students may earn extra credit for language arts class for reading a third book from the list and passing an AR test. Our diverse summer reading list consists of books from a variety of genres and reading levels, as well as a middle grades interest level. Below, please find the list of approved books and the AR point value by each title. Happy reading!

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**Babysitting is a Dangerous Job** (6 points) - Roberts, Wilo Davis. This thrilling suspenseful novel keeps the reader entertained with a story about an ordinary babysitting job that turns into a nightmare for the main character, Darcy. The three children she sits for are “bratty,” but that is nothing compared to the kidnappers who invade the house and carry off the children.

**The Horse Road** (13 points) - Harrison, Troon. Equestrian lovers will want to read this historical fiction book set in central Asia in the year 102 BC. Kallisto, an outstanding equestrian, is faced with the challenge of saving her family, friends, and horses when she sees the Chinese army preparing to invade her city.

**King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table** (11 points) - Green, Roger Lancelyn. Readers will enjoy this classic tale of bravery, heroism, and teamwork as the adventures of King Arthur and his knights unfold. (If you are choosing this book for your summer reading, be careful to read the King Arthur book by this author. The AR test is for this author only.)

**The Lightning Catcher** (13 points) - Cameron, Anne. Angus uncovers that his parents have been kidnapped because they’re famous lightning catchers, and that he and his friends have the ability to control the weather. Join Angus and his friends on their action-packed humorous adventure to stop the villains from achieving world domination.

**The Lions of Little Rock** (10 Points) - Levine, Kristin. Marlee, an unbearably shy math whiz, narrates this historical fiction book about the struggle to integrate Little Rock, Arkansas schools in 1958. When Lizzie, Marlee’s new friend, is kicked out of school because local leaders refuse to follow the federal integration order, Marlee finds her voice.

**The Mother-Daughter Book Club Series** (AR points vary based on each book in the series.) - Frederick, Heather Vogel. Read any of the six books in this delightful series about a few mothers who force their daughters to join a book club to the dismay of their daughters who aren’t even friends. The humorous twists and turns, pranks, and struggles in the lives of the book
club daughters are highly entertaining! The club members mature from middle school to the end of high school throughout the series, and each book focuses on a different Classic novel as the topic of book club.

**Rush for Gold: Mystery at the Olympics** (11 Points) - Feinstein, John. This sports mystery novel is set in London during the summer Olympics. The mystery unfolds as a teen reporter becomes concerned about the safety of his friend, an Olympic swimmer.

**Soldier Athletes** (3 points) - Stout, Glenn. A book filled with human interest stories that spotlight the bravery and self-sacrifice of professional athletes who also served in the United States military.

**Theodore Boone Series** (AR points vary based on each book in the series) - Grisham, John. Read any of the four books in this series about a thirteen-year-old kid lawyer extraordinaire who has a knack for uncovering clues and solving high profile cases involving crimes in his hometown.

**The Thing About Leftovers** (Released in July) - Payne, C.C. Fizzy, a perfectionist and good Southern girl, feels like a "leftover" kid as she deals with divorce and blended families. The Southern Living cook-off is a much needed distraction for her. Through humor and heartache, Fizzy learns the importance of finding your passion and personal acceptance.

**My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir** (9 points) - Abeel, Samantha. This memoir recounts Samantha's difficult school years due to her struggles with a learning disability called dyscalculia. The reader will be amazed by her ability to succeed despite her obstacles.

**Through My Eyes** (16 points) - Tebow, Tim. This autobiography of Tim Tebow, Heisman Trophy winner and star Florida quarterback, details his childhood, personal family accounts, and many interesting football stories.

**Titanic: Voices from the Disaster** (7 points) - Hopkinson, Deborah. A nonfiction book that movingly shares real voices of Titanic survivors and actual witnesses to the tragic disaster.

**Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali** (1 point) - Smith Jr., Charles R. This book details the amazing life of the heavyweight champ through a rap-inspired verse.

**The Wind in the Willows (unabridged)** (11 points) - Grahame, Kenneth. A classic fantasy tale of friendship among woodland creatures, Ratty, Mole, Badger, and Toad, and their enjoyable adventures on the river.

**Yes! We are Latinos** (2 points) - Ada, Alma Flor. A nonfiction collection of beautifully written stories celebrating Latino culture and includes details of important events in the history of the Latino American people.