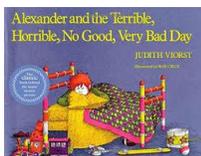


## Hazlet Middle School ESL Summer Reading List

### Additional Titles

#### Beginner List:

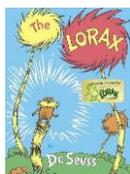


Viorst, Judith. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad, Day.*

Movie: *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day.*  
(PG)

Alexander knew it was going to be a terrible day when he woke up with gum in his hair. And it got worse...

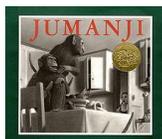
His best friend deserted him. There was no dessert in his lunch bag. And, on top of all that, there were lima beans for dinner and kissing on TV!



Seuss, Dr. *the Lorax*

Movie: *The Lorax* (PG)

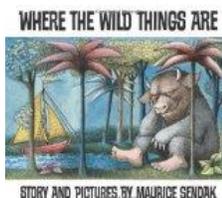
Long before “going green” was mainstream, Dr. Seuss’s Lorax spoke for the trees and warned of the dangers of disrespecting the environment.



Allsburg, Chris Van. *Jumanji*

Movie: *Jumanji* (PG)

When Peter and Judy's parents head to the opera and leave the children to their own devices for the afternoon, the children's excitement quickly turns to boredom. This changes when they find what appears to be an ordinary board game labeled "Jumanji" sitting under a tree in the park. A note taped to the box warns them to read the instructions. Mildly curious, the children take the game home. When they halfheartedly begin to play, it becomes immediately apparent that they are dealing with a very unusual game!

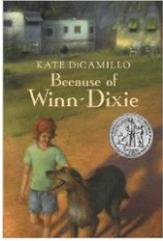


Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*

Movie: *Where the Wild Things Are* (PG)

We meet Max, a little boy dressed in his wolf suit, up one night making mischief of one kind or another. His Mother calls him “WILD THING!” and he responds with all the vigor of a stubbornly naughty child “I’LL EAT YOU UP!” As a result, he is sent to bed without supper. As the night wears on, Max’s room turns into a jungle, with an ocean tumbling by and a boat made just for him bobbing about. He gets in it and sails, and sails, until he reaches a land with terrible monsters, a land where the wild things live.

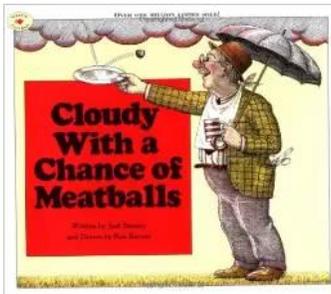
## Intermediate List:



DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn Dixie*.

Movie: *Because of Winn Dixie* (PG)

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.



Barrett, Judi. *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*.

Movie: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* (PG)

If food dropped like rain from the sky, wouldn't it be marvelous! Or would it? It could, after all, be messy. And you'd have no choice. What if you didn't like what fell? Or what if too much came? Have you ever thought of what it might be like to be squashed flat by a pancake?

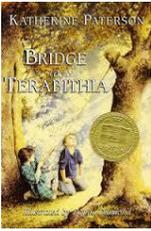


Rockwell, Thomas. *How to Eat Fried Worms*.

Movie: *How to Eat Fried Worms* (PG)

Because of a bet, Billy is in the uncomfortable position of having to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days. The worms are supplied by his opponent, whose motto is "The bigger and juicier, the better!" At first Billy's problem is whether or not he can swallow the worm placed before him, even with a choice of condiments from peanut butter to horseradish. But later it looks as if Billy will win, and the challenge becomes getting to the worm to eat it. Billy's family, after checking with the doctor, takes everything in stride. They even help Billy through his gastronomic ordeal, which twists and turns with each new day, leaving the outcome of the bet continually in doubt.

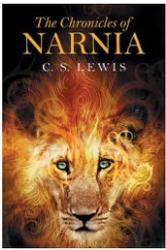
## Advanced List:



Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia*.

Movie: *Bridge to Terabithia* (PG)

Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia. One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs. It will take the love of his family and the strength that Leslie has given him for Jess to be able to deal with his grief.



Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Movie: *The Chronicles of Narnia* (PG)

Epic battles between good and evil, fantastic creatures, betrayals, heroic deeds, and friendships won and lost all come together in this unforgettable world, which has been enchanting readers of all ages for over sixty years.



DiTerlizzi, Tony and Holly Black. *The Spiderwick Chronicles*.

Movie: *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (PG)

It all started with a mysterious letter left at a tiny bookstore for authors Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. Its closing lines: "We just want people to know about this. The stuff that has happened to us could happen to anyone." Little could they imagine the remarkable adventure that awaited them as they followed Jared, Simon, and Mallory Grace and a strange old book into a world filled with elves, goblins, dwarves, trolls, and a fantastical menagerie of other creatures.