



# Palmyra High School 8th Grade Summer Reading

The following summer reading books were selected so you could compare the characters, setting, and plot of the book to the movie. Choose one book-movie combination from the list and complete the attached chart, which you will be allowed to use to take a quiz given in September. You can also earn extra credit on the quiz for an accurately completed chart.

**Title and Author**

**Synopsis (from Amazon.com)**

*The Devil's Arithmetic*

Jane Yolen

Movie Rating: No Rating

Hannah is tired of holiday gatherings—all her family ever talks about is the past. In fact, it seems to her that's what they do every Jewish holiday. But this year's Passover Seder will be different—Hannah will be mysteriously transported into the past . . . and only she knows the unspeakable horrors that await.

*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*

J.K. Rowling

Movie Rating: PG-13

Harry Potter has no idea how famous he is. That's because he's being raised by his miserable aunt and uncle who are terrified Harry will learn that he's really a wizard, just as his parents were. But everything changes when Harry is summoned to attend an infamous school for wizards, and he begins to discover some clues about his illustrious birthright. From the surprising way he is greeted by a lovable giant, to the unique curriculum and colorful faculty at his unusual school, Harry finds himself drawn deep inside a mystical world he never knew existed and closer to his own noble destiny.

*Ender's Game*

Orson Scott Card

Movie Rating: PG-13

In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin is drafted to the orbiting Battle School for rigorous military training. Is Ender the general Earth needs? The war with the Buggers has been raging for a hundred years, and the quest for the perfect general has been underway for almost as long. Ender's two older siblings are every bit as unusual as he is, but in very different ways. Between the three of them lie the abilities to remake a world. If the world survives, that is.

*Lemonade Mouth*

Mark Peter Hughes

Movie Rating: G

Poets. Geniuses. Revolutionaries. The members of the legendary band Lemonade Mouth have been called all of these things. But until now, nobody's known the inside story of how this powerhouse band came to be. How five outcasts in Opoquonsett High School's freshman class found each other, found the music, and went on to change both rock and roll and high school as we know it. Wen, Stella, Charlie, Olivia, and Mo take us back to that fateful detention where a dentist's jingle, a teacher's coughing fit, and a beat-up ukelele gave birth to Rhode Island's most influential band. Told in each of their five voices and compiled by Opoquonsett's "scene queen," freshman Naomi Fishmeier, this anthology is their definitive history.

**Please return this form on the first day of school.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to read the book circled above and watch the movie for a summer reading assignment. I understand that he/she will not receive a grade without this permission form.

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (sign) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



*Happy Reading! Ms. Van Zandt, Mrs. Trefz, and Mrs. Willard*

