

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading 2009-2010

- Read some poetry. Find one poem that “speaks” to you. Put it as an entry in your journal – title, author, date, and copy the poem itself.
- Read *Shooting the Moon* by Frances O’Roark Dowell.  
This is the story of Jamie Dexter and her brother, TJ. They are the children of an Army colonel. Jamie is 12 when her brother enlists and goes off to war. The book is the story of Jamie’s time without her brother and their correspondence based on TJ’s love for photography. Over the summer, **make at least 3 photographs of the same place, but at different times of day.**
- Read *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, by Kimberly Willis Holt.  
This is a story about one summer in Antler, Texas, with Toby Wilson and Zachary Beaver when their lives intersect and they learn to look at the world from other perspectives.  
**As you read and respond, think about your own reaction if Zachary Beaver arrived in your hometown this summer. Be certain to date and title your journal entry.**
- Read at least 1 book of your choice. You may choose a book you’ve wanted to read, ask a friend for a recommendation, ask your parents about a book they remember as a classic, ask a librarian for a suggestion, ask your friendly bookseller, or ask me.  
**As you read your choice, think about how this book might relate to your life or the lives of your friends and/or family. Respond to this book in your journal.**

**Be careful to date your entries and write the title of the book to which you are responding at the top of the page.**

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