

Dear Soon-to-be Second Grader,

This summer we are asking you to read three books and do three small book reports. You may choose any book that is on the reading list that was given to you, or you may choose to pick a book on your own. Ask your parents, brothers and sisters, friends or the librarian at your library for suggestions. Remember to look at Caldecott winners and Newbery Medal Winners!

Complete one 5x7 index card for each book you read following the guide below:

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Characters: \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Where and when does the story take place?

Summary: What is the story about? Write 3-5 sentences.

Who would like to read this book?

Index cards will be collected during the first week of the new school year.

Have fun with your summer reading! We can't wait to hear about the great books you'll have read by the time school starts again! Enjoy your summer vacation!

Sincerely, Mrs. Lapinski and Mrs. Stec

### **Suggested Summer Reading List for Second Graders**

Please feel free to make book choices that interest you child and push his or her reading level without frustrating them. Reading should be FUN! If you find an author that your child really likes try other books they have written there are so many wonderful children's books your child is sure to find something that will grab their attention. Everyone can be a great reader with the right book and a little bit of encouragement!

Easy

- Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel
- Morris and Boris series by Bernard Wiseman
- George and Martha
- Danny and the Dinosaur
- Little Bear books by Minarik

**Average**

- Picture Book biography series by David Adler
- Cam Jansen series by David Adler
- Arthur books by Marc Brown
- Ramona books by Beverly Cleary
- Jenny Archer books by Ellen Conford
- Kids of Polk Street School Series by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Johanna Hurwitz books
- Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline
- Amelia Bedelia books by Peggy Parish
- Junie B. Jones by Barbara Parks

- Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
- Marvin Redpost books by Sachar
- Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharmat
- Thunder Cake and other books by Patricia Polacco
- Leo Lionni Books
- Chrysanthemum and other books by Kevin Henkes
- Strega Nona and other books by Tommy d'Paola
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### **Challenging**

- Matt Christopher books
- Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobel
- Boxcar Children
- My Father's Dragon
- Great Illustrated Classics
- Debbie Dadey
- Amber Brown by Paula Danziger
- Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder

### **Other Ideas:**

- Mother goose Rhymes
- Aesop's Fables
- Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories
- Selected Grimm and Hans Christian Anderson Fairy Tales
- Bible Stories including Jonah and the Whale
- Daniel in the Lions Den
- Noah's Ark
- Moses and the Burning Bush
- David and Goliath
- The Story of Ruth

## **THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST 2009-2010**

Dear Students and Parents,

The summer reading assignment for grades 3 and 4...

Please read 3 books at your grade level and complete 3 book reports on 5x8 index cards. You are free to choose your books. Please reference the enclosed SUGGESTED summer reading lists for ideas.

Ask your parents, older friends, teachers, and librarians to direct you to books related to your interest and concerns. Talking with friends about books will encourage your reading and stimulate your curiosity about the larger world around you. Look for award winning titles, Newbery Medal winners, or Newbery Honor books.

Follow the guidelines below for your book reports. Please be prepared to present your book reports to the class the first week of the 2009-2010 school year. The index cards will be collected by your reading

teacher and will be included in your first quarter reading grade. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Poznik and Mrs. Thimons

**Information for your 5 x 8 Index Card:**

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: (Where and when does the story take place?)

Main characters: (Who are the characters & provide a brief description)

Main Events: (What is this book about? 5-6 sentences)

How would you rate this book (A,B,C) and why:

Future Third/ Fourth Graders here are the categories and some suggestions to get you started.

**Mythology**

Great American Folklore by K. Battle  
Book of Greek Myths, Norse Gods and Giants by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire  
The People Could Fly by Virginia Hamilton  
Seasons of Splendor: Tales, Myths, and Legends of India by M. Jaffrey  
The Little Prince by De Saint-Exupery

**Historical Fiction**

The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli  
Jayhawker y Patricia Beatty  
A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War by Ina Changae  
The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox  
Old Yeller by F. Gibson  
The Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric Kelly  
Island of the Blue Dolphins/Sarah Bishop/Zia by Scott O'Dell  
The Sign of the Beaver/ The Witch of Blackbird Pond by E. Speare  
The Little House in the Big Woods \* by Laura I. Wilder  
Shades of Gray by C. Reeder  
Freedom Crossing by Margaret Gloff Clark  
Roll of Thunder Hear Me Cry by Mildred Taylor  
Sunder by Wm. H. Armstrong  
Number the Stars \* by Lois Lowry  
Lily's Crossing/The Pirate Queen \* by Patricia R. Giff  
The Upstairs Room by Joanna Reise  
The Incredible Journey of Lewis and Clark by Rhoda Blumberg  
Lyddie by Katherine Paterson

## **The Dear America Series**

### **Mystery**

The House of Dies Drear/Mystery of Drear House by V. Hamilton  
Playing Beatie Bow by Ruth Park  
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin  
The Borrowers by Mary Norton  
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

### **Non-Fiction**

America Goes to War: 1949 by John Devaney  
China by Rebecca Stefoff  
The Legend of Good Women: Medieval Women in Towns and Cities by Erik Uitz  
Lights, Lenses and Lasers by Elvin Berger  
Sports Science for Young People by George Barr

### **Biography/Autobiography**

Michael Faraday by Michael Brophy  
A Girl from Yamhill: A Memoir by Beverly Cleary  
The Triumph of Discover: Four Noble Women by Joan Dash  
The Golda Meir Story by M. Davidson  
Challenging the Skies (Biography of Amelia Earhart) by S. Sloate  
Lincoln: A Photobiography/The Wright Brothers by Russel Freedman  
Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman

### **Science Fiction/Fantasy**

Watership Down by Richard Adams  
Prydain Chronicles by Lloyd Alexander  
Abel's Island by William Steig  
Time Trilogy/A Wrinkle in Time \* by Madeline L'Engle  
Redwall \* by Brian Jacques  
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt  
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by R. O'Brien  
The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis  
The Black Cauldron by Lloyd Alexander  
Matilda/James and the Giant Peach \* by Roal Dahl  
Lord of the Rings/The Hobbit by Tolkein  
Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper  
The Falcon's Egg by Luli Gray  
Ella Enchanted by Gail C. Levine  
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone \* by J.K. Rowling

### **Additions**

Any Newbery Award Winners or Books by same authors  
Little Women by L.M. Alcott  
Windcatcher/Avalanche \* by Avi  
Emily's Runaway Imagination \* by Beverly Cleary  
Yolanda's Genius by Carol Fenner  
The Secret Garden by Frances H. Burnett  
The View from Saturday/From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Koningsberg  
The River/Hatchet/Dogson/Voyage of the Frog by Gary Paulsen  
The Silver Pencil/The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh  
Bad Girls/Bad, Badder, Baddest by Cynthia Voigt

Steal Away Home by Lois Ruby  
 Misty of Chincoteague/Story, Misty's Foal by Margarite Henry  
 The Last Silk Dress by S. Rinaldi  
 My Side of the Mountain/Julie of the Wolves/Julie by Jean Craighead George  
 Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse  
 Wayside School is Falling Down/Wayside School is Getting Stronger\* by Louis Sachar  
 Boxcar Children by Chandler Warner  
 Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli  
 Longspikes by J. Arnosky  
 Miracles of Maplehill by Virginia Sorensen  
 Morning Girl by Michael Dorris  
 Dr. Doolittle by Hough Lofting  
 Afternoon with the Elves by J. Taylor Roth  
 Avalanche by Arthur Roth  
 The Endless Steppe/Riches by Esther Hautzig  
 How Many Days to America? \* by Eve Bunting  
 In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord  
 Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing \* by Judy Blume  
 Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen  
 Robin Hood by Paul Creswick  
 Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe  
 Kidnapped/Treasure \* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn/Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain  
 Journey to the Center of the Earth \* by Jules Verne  
 The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford  
 Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars  
 Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech  
 Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis  
 The Call of the Wild by Jack London  
 Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery  
 Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
 A Year Down Under by Richard Peck  
 The Yearling by M. Rawlings  
 Where the Red Fern Grows by W. Rawls  
 Because of Winn Dixie \* by Kate DiCamillo  
 Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter  
 Charlotte's Web \* by EB White  
 Cricket in Times Square by George Selden  
 Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke  
 Frindle \* by Andrew Clements  
 Ginger Pye \* by Eleanor Estes  
 Half Magic \* by Edward Eager  
 Harriet the Spy \* by Louise Fitzhugh  
 No Dogs Allowed by Bill Wallace

\*Any books by this Author

## **SUMMER READING INFORMATION 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Dear Students and Parents,

The summer reading assignment for grades 5 and 6. Please read 2 books at your grade level and complete 2 book reports on the enclosed index cards. Please reference the enclosed SUGGESTED summer reading lists for ideas.

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Follow the guidelines below for your book reports. Please be prepared to present your book reports to the class the first week of the 2009-2010 school year. The index cards will be collected by your reading teacher and will be included in your first quarter reading grade.

Book Title:

Author:

Setting: (Where and when does the story take place?)

Main Characters: (name of characters and brief description)

Main Events: (What is the book about? 10-12 sentences)

How would you rate this book (A, B, C) and why?

Have a wonderful summer and may your travels be safe.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Hiles

### **Summer Reading List Grade 5** - Reading Book - Scott Foresman Publishing

#### Theme: Relating to Others

Talk About a Family By, Eloise Greenfield

Pioneer Girl: Growing Up on the Prairie By, Andrea Warren

#### Theme: My World and Yours

My Side of the Mountain By, Jean Craighead George

Eye of the Storm: Chasing Storms with Warren Faidley By, Stephen Kramer

#### Theme: A Job Well Done

School Spirit By, Johanna Hurwitz

#### Theme: Time and Time Again

A Boy Called Slow By, Joseph Bruchac

Jackie Joyner Kersee: Superwoman By, Margaret J. Goldstein and Jennifer Larson

#### Theme: Traveling On

Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams? By, Jean Fritz

Journey to Topaz By, Yoshiko Uchida

Theme: Think of It!

The Lizard and the Sun By, Alma Flor Ada

Inventors By, Martin W. Sandler

### **SUGGESTED Summer Reading List Grade 6- Prentice Hall Literature**

Theme: Growing and Changing

Searching for Candlestick Park By, Peg Kehret

Going Home By, Nicholasa Mohr

Park's Quest By, Katherine Paterson

Bluestem By, Frances Arrington

Come Sing, Jimmy Jo By, Katherine Paterson

Theme: Reaching Out

The Secret Garden By, Frances Hodgson Burnett

Destiny By, Vicki Grove

Letters from Rifka with Connected Readings By, Karen Hesse

Flip-Flop Girl By, Katherine Paterson

The Heart of a Chief By, Joseph Bruchac

Theme: Proving Yourself

Amelia Earhart: Courage in the Sky By, Mona Kerby

Eagle Song By, Joseph Bruchac

The Secret Life of Amanda K. Woods By, Ann Cameron

Brady By, Jean Fritz

Moki By, Grace Jackson Penney

Theme : Seeing it Through

Boy of the Painted Cave By, Justin Denzel

Johnny Tremain By, Ester Forbes

Amistad: A Long Road to Freedom By, Walter Dean Myers

My Side of the Mountain By, Jean Craighead George

Lyddie By, Katherine Paterson

Theme: Mysterious Worlds

Secret of the Andes By, Ann Nolan Clark

James and the Giant Peach By, Roald Dahl

Rascal By, Sterling North

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory By, Roald Dahl

The Little White Horse By, Elizabeth Goudge

### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Grapes of Wrath John Steinbeck