

Dear Families,

Research has demonstrated that the amount of reading a student engages in over the summer is related to academic growth during the school year. We urge parents to encourage their children to visit the public library regularly and read daily. Children should be reading uninterrupted for at least 30 minutes a day.

You play a vital role in helping your child enjoy reading. When visiting the library, help your child select books. Discuss your child's reading interests and encourage your child to widen his or her selection of books based on author, topic, or type. Enjoy talking with your child about the books he or she selects and reads. Encourage your child to keep a journal of illustrations and/or passages about the books read this summer. Entries might include:

- This book(character, setting, or event) reminds me of ...because...
- I wonder what would happen if...
- A new ending would be...
- Three questions (and answers) I have about the book (characters) are...
- I figured out that...because I found these clues in the book about...
- I learned these new words...
- The author probably wants us to think about...
- Three new things I learned are...
- If I wrote this book I would change...

Thank you for your continued support.

Bergen Arts & Science Charter School Staff

Bergen Arts & Science Charter School Suggested Summer Reading List

For Students Entering grades 3,4,5,6, 2009-2010

(7th Grade List at the end)

These lists are in alphabetical order by the authors' names. Please remember that children learn at different rates for many different reasons. Grade levels are not the important factor in choosing a book, they are just a guide. This list is not intended to limit children's reading.

Children can still enjoy books at a challenging level, at a comfortable level as well as an easy level. Please check with your local librarian regarding the level of the book your child is checking out. You can also go on to Scholastic.com, and click on teachers. Then click on Book Wizard. Find the box that says *Your Reading Level System* and click on Guided Reading. Type in the title of the book in the Quick Search box. This will give you the guided reading level of the book your child is reading.

Scholastic Guided Reading Level

Second Grade	E
	F
	G
	H
	I
	J-K
	L-N
Third Grade	J-K
	L-M
	N
	O-P
Fourth Grade	Q
	M
	N
	O-P
	Q-R
Fifth Grade	S-T
	Q-R
	S-V
Sixth Grade	W
	T-V
	W-Z

Fiction & Non-Fiction

Title

Author

Cam Janson & other titles	Adler, David
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater, Richard
Poppy	Avi
Macaroni Boy	Ayers, Catherine
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Barrett, Judy
Wizard of Oz	Baum, L. Frank
The Penderwicks	Birdsall, Patricia
Nasty Stinky Sneakers	Bunting, Eve
The Secret Garden	Burnett, Frances Hodgson
Stories Julian Tells	Cameron, Ann
Stella Luna	Cannon, Jannell
The Family Under the Bridge	Carlson, Natalie Savage
All Star Fever	Matt Christopher
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Cleary, Beverly
Ramona Forever (and other titles)	Cleary, Beverly
Henry and the Paper Route	Cleary, Beverly
Frindle	Clements, Andrew
The Report Card	Clements, Andrew
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Coerr, Eleanor
Molly's Pilgrim	Cohen, Barbara
Magic School Bus Series	Cole, Joanna
Artemis Fowl **series**	Colfin, Eoin
Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon

The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Curtis, Christopher Paul
Running on Eggs	Cushman, Karen
Amber Brown is not a Crayon	Danziger, Paula
Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade	DeClements, Barthe
Weasel	DeFelice, Cynthia
Charlie & The Chocolate Factory	Dahl, Roald
Twenty Six Fairmont Ave.	DePaola, Tomie
The Art Lesson	DePaola, Tomie
The City of Ember	Depreu, Jeanne
The Matchlock Gun	Edmonds, Walter
The Black Stallion	Farley, Walter
Walking to the Road of Freedom	Ferris, Eleanor
Harriett the Spy	Fitzhugh, Louise
The Whipping Boy	Fleischman, Sid
Lincoln, A Photobiography	Freedman, Russell
Any titles by:	Gibbons, Gail
Polk Street	Giff, Patricia Reilly
Abner and Me **and "baseball card" series**	Gutman, Dan
Misty of Chincoteague	Henry, Marguerite
Danny & the Dinosaurs	Hoff, Syd
Starring Grace	Hoffman, Mary
Pagoo	Holling, Hollis
Class Clown	Hurwitz, Johanna
Baseball Fever	Hurwitz, Johanna
Rip Van Winkle	Irving, Washington
The Phantom Tollbooth	Juster, Norman

Helen Keller	Keller, Helen
Wump Ward	Kellog, Steven
The Fledgling	Langton, Jean
Ben & Me	Lawson, Robert
Jelly Belly	Lee, Dennis
The Chronicles of Narnia	Lewis, C.S.
Pippi Longstocking	Lindgren, Astrid
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution	Little, Jean
White Fang	London, Jack
The Hudson River	Lourie, Peter
Number the Stars	Lowry, Lois
Homer Price	McCloskey, Robert
Baby	McLachlan, Patricia
Daisy Rothschild	Melville, Leslie
Ticki Ticki Tembo	Mosel, Arlene
Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
Orphan Train Quartet	Nixon, Joan Lowery
Hatchet **and series**	Paulson, Gary
Soup	Peck, Robert Newton
Shades of Gray	Reeder, Carolyn
Indian in the Cupboard	Reid-Banks, Lynn
Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Robinson, Barbara
How To Eat Fried Worms	Rockwell, Thomas
Appalachia: Voices of the Sleeping Birds	Rylant, Cynthia
Thomas Alva Edison, Young Inventor	Sabin, Louis
Wayside School	Sacher, Louis
The Cricket in Times Square	Selden, George

Knights of the Kitchen Table

Time Warp Trio Series

Mostly Michael

Encyclopedia Brown

Crash

Maniac Magee

Abel's Island

The Widow's Broom

Stuart Little

Little House on the Prairie

Little House in the Big Woods

The Velveteen Rabbit

Scieszka, Jon

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Smith, Robert Kimmel

Sobol, Donald

Spinelli, Jerry

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Steig, William

Van Allsburg, Chris

White, E.B.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls

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Williams, Marjorie

Folklore

A Telling of the Tales

The First Strawberries

Molly's Pilgrim

From Sea to Shining Sea

Three Perfect Peaches

The People Could Fly

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

John Henry

Paul Bunyan

Rough Faced Girl

The Talking Eggs

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

Lon Popo: A Red Riding Hood Story From China

Brooke, William J.

Bruchac, Joseph

Cohen, Barbara

Cohn, Amy T.

DeFelice, Cynthia

Hamilton, Virginia

Irving, Washington

Keats, Ezra Jack

Kellogg, Steven

Martin, Rafe

San Souci, Robert D.

Step toe, John

Young, Ed

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Poppy	Avi
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Barrett, Judy
Alice in Wonderland	Carroll, Lewis
The White Mountains	Christopher, John
Monster's Ring	Coville, Bruce
This Place Has No Atmosphere	Danziger, Paula
The Ear, The Eye, and The Arm	Farmer, Nancy
Wait Till Helen Comes	Hahn, Mary
The Fledgling	Langton, Jean
Cat Wings	LeGuin, Ursula
Gooseberry Park	Rylant, Cynthia
Journey to the Center of the Earth	Verne, Jules
20000 Leagues Under the Sea	Verne, Jules
Time Machine	Wells, Herbert George

Poetry

From Sea to Shining Sea	Cohn, Amy T.
Sing a Song of Popcorn	DeRegnier, Beatrice S.
Joyful Noise-Poems for Two Voices	Fleischman, Paul
In A River Valley	Frank, Josette
Nathaniel's Talking	Greenfield, Eloise
An American History Through Poetry	Hopkins, Lee Bennett
Bringing Me News	O'Neill, Mary
The New Kid on the Block	Prelutsky, Jack

Pierre

Where the Sidewalk Ends

Bird Watch

Sendak, Maurice

Silverstein, Shel

Yolen, Jane

Publications

Cobblestone

Cricket

Highlights

Kids Discover

Odyssey

Sports Illustrated for Kids

World Magazine

Seventh Grade List

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town

Holt, Kimberly Willis

The Outsiders

Hinton, S.E.

Holes **or** Small Steps

Sacher, Louis

The Pearl

Steinbeck, John

Hoot

Hiaasen, Carl

Bull Rider

Halvorson, Marilyn

Down a Dark Hall **and other mysteries

Duncan, Lois

Slam!	Myers, Walter Dean
Alt Ed	Atkins, Catherine
A Break With Charity	Rinaldi, Ann
Redwall **and series**	Jacques, Brian
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi
Locomotion	Woodson, Jacqueline
Money Hungry **or sequel** Begging for Change	Flake, Sharon G.
Inkheart	Funke, Cornelia
The Lost Years of Merlin **and series**	Barron, T.A.
Catherine Called Birdy	Cushman, Karen
The Red Badge of Courage	Crane, Stephen
Tangerine	Bloor, Edward
The Wanderer	Creech, Sharon
Leonardo Da Vinci	Krulle, Kathleen