

Amesbury Middle School

2010 Summer Reading List



For Students Entering Grade 5

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Summer reading should be fun! The fifth grade teachers have designed this packet to encourage students to read all summer long. They are asking students to enjoy reading as many books as possible from this list. The books may be read as part of the Amesbury Public Library's Summer Reading programs that will run from June – August 2010. Included in this packet you will find: a Summer Reading Tips for Parents page, a reading list, a letter from the teachers, and a summer reading assessment from the fifth grade teachers.

Extra copies of this list may be obtained at the Amesbury Public Library, the A.M.S. office, the Superintendent's office and area bookstores. The list and assessment may also be found on the Amesbury Middle School's web site under the following Quick Links: Parent Communications & Poly on the Web or Library. Students are not required to purchase these books as the titles on the list may be found at the Amesbury Public Library.

Please help us in our campaign to encourage our middle school students to keep reading all summer long!

Sincerely,

**Michael Curry
Principal**



Dear Future Fifth Grade Students,

Summer is a time to relax, have fun adventures, and read good books. Please keep a list of the titles and authors of the books you read on the Summer Reading Log. Be sure to choose at least one book from the Recommended Summer Reading List Entering 5th Grade. As you read your chosen book(s) follow the directions below. These steps will help prepare you to discuss this book with others in your class in the fall. We look forward to meeting you, learning about the books you enjoyed, and hearing about your summer adventures.

Sincerely,

Your Fifth Grade LA teachers,
Mrs. Brannelly, Mrs. Kakides,
Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Wall

Summer reading directions:

1. Record all the books you read this summer on your summer reading log. Put a star by the one you liked the best.
2. Choose at least one book from the Recommended Summer Reading List Entering 5th Grade.
3. After reading one of the books from the Recommended Summer Reading List Entering 5th Grade, select one of the prompts on the following page and answer it in complete sentences.
4. Be prepared to bring your summer reading log and completed response to school the 2nd full week of September.





Grade 5 - 2010 Summer Reading Log

This log belongs to: _____

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Author(s)

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Choose one of the following prompts. Write a well constructed paragraph about one of the books you read this summer. Please write neatly and use complete sentences. You may type or neatly write your response on the back of this sheet or on white lined paper.

"I learned..."

"The most interesting part of the book was..."

"Name and describe your favorite character in the book."

"The most important event in the story was..."

"This book reminded me of..."

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Recommended Summer Reading List Entering Grade 5

- Avi (Historical Fiction)
Fighting Ground
- Balliett, Blue (Mystery)
Chasing Vermeer (series)
- Bausum, Ann (Nonfiction)
**Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim
Zwerg On The Front Lines Of
The Civil Rights Movement**
- Birdsall, Jeanne (Realistic)
The Penderwicks (series)
- Bolden, Tonya (Biography)
**Maritcha: A Nineteenth-Century
American Girl**
- Christopher, Matt (Sports)
**Dirt Bike Runaway
Snowboard Maverick**
- Clements, Andrew (Realistic)
**The Janitor's Boy
Lunch Money
Room One**
- Codell, Esme (Realistic)
Sahara Special
- Colfer, Eoin (Humor)
The Legend Of Spud Murphy
- Coman, Carolyn (Humor)
**The Big House
Sneaking Suspicions**
- Creech, Sharon (Realistic)
**Granny Torrelli Makes Soup
Love That Dog (Poetry)**
- Deem, James M. (Nonfiction)
**Bodies From The Ash: Life and Death
In Ancient Pompeii**
- DiCamillo, Kate (Fantasy/Adventure)
Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
- DuPrau, Jeanne (Fantasy)
The City Of Ember (trilogy)
- Hannigan, Katherine (Realistic)
Ida B
- Kinney, Jeff (Humor)
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series)
- Lupica, Mike (Sports)
**Hot Hand
Two-Minute Drill**
- Martin, Ann and Laura Godwin (Fantasy)
**The Doll People
The Meanest Doll In The World**
- Montgomery, Sy (Nonfiction)
**Quest For The Tree Kangaroo: An
Expedition To The Cloud
Forest Of New Guinea**
- Philbrick, Rodman (Realistic)
The Young Man And The Sea
- Riordan, Rick (Fantasy)
**The Lightning Thief
(Percy Jackson and the Olympians
series)**
- Scieszka, Jon (Time Travel/Humor)
Time Warp Trio (series)
- Smith, Jeff (Graphic Novel-Humor)
**Out From Boneville
(Bone Series)**
- Simon, Seymour (Nonfiction)
Suggested titles:
**Storms
Animals Nobody Loves
Stars**
- Snicket, Lemony (Humor)
**A Series Of Unfortunate Events (13
titles)**
- Van Draanen, Wendelin (Realistic)
Shredderman: Secret Identity (series)