

SFDS 2006 Summer Reading List

June 2006

Dear Day School Families,

Here's your summer reading list. This is a list of books I really enjoy and recommend. These books are not required reading, but encouraged. As always, read what you enjoy!

Day School students are encouraged to spend 20 to 30 minutes a day with books -- looking at them, reading them, or listening to them. Early Readers may not be able to read the books on the list—that's fine. Everyone reads at a different level- it's spending time with books and stories that's important. Students learn new vocabulary, language use, and story structure when listening to stories.

Students should return their reading journals or reading logs to the library by September 7th to receive their Summer Reading Award and special prize. Reading journals were created in Kindergarten through third grade library classes. Additional pages may be found on our website.

Here are some fun activities for students. Pre-writers can dictate ideas to someone. Students are expected to do at least ONE book related activity this summer and return it with reading journals on September 7th. It does not have to be from a book on the summer reading list.

- Draw a picture of your favorite character, scene, or setting
- Re-enact the story with family and/or friends
- Make a poster or flyer trying to get others to read the book
- Tell everyone you know about the books you're enjoying
- Start your own book club
- Pretend to interview one of the characters in the book
- Write a book review or a book report
- Make a diorama
- Create your own project

Have fun reading this summer!

Ms. Otero

Please keep track and email me all of your favorite summer reads (adult and children) so we will have your great recommendations for the LIBRARY PARTY in November!

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Entering Kindergarten, First, and Second

Picture books

And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
Abe Lincoln-The Boy Who Loved Books by Kay Winters
Doña Flor: A Tall Tale about a Giant Woman with a Great Big Heart by Pat Mora
Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride by Marjorie Priceman
Kamishibai Man by Allen Say
Kibitzers and Fools: Tales My Zayda Told Me by Simms Taback
Max's ABC by Rosemary Wells
Molly's Family by Sharon Wooding
My Little Car = Mi carrito by Gary Soto
Paul and Sebastian by Rene Escudie
Precious and the Boo Hag by Patricia McKissack
The Sound of Colors: A Journey of the Imagination by Jimmy Liao
Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding by Lenore Look
Weslandia by Paul Fleishman
Where's Jamela? By Niki Daly
Zen Shorts by Jon Muth

Early Readers

Amelia Bedilia by Peggy Parish
Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant
Iris and Walter by Elissa Haden Guest
Mr. Putter and Tabby by Cynthia Rylant

Non-fiction

Bats at the Beach by Brian Lies
An Egg is Quiet by Dianna Aston and Sylvia Long
Mama: A True Story by Jeanette Winter ***A MUST READ***
Owen & Mzee: The True Story Of A Remarkable Friendship by Craig Hatkoff
On Earth by G. Brian. Karas
Stars Beneath Your Bed: The Surprising Story of Dust by April Pulley

Chapter Books-- Great For Family Read-Aloud

All-of-a Kind Family (series) by Sidney Taylor
Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows
The Kite Fighters by Linda Sue Park
Half Magic (series) by Edward Gager
Harry Kitten and Tucker Mouse by George Selden
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and others by Kate DiCamillo
Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo
Poppi (series) by Avi
The Search For Delicious by Natalie Babbitt
Time Warp Trio (series) by John Scieszka
Zooman Sam by Lois Lowry

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Entering Third and Fourth

Picture books

The Bake Shop Ghost by Jacqueline Ogburn
The Cats in Krasinski Square by Karen Hesse
Goha the Wise Fool by Denys Johnson-Davies
Kamishibai Man by Allen Say
Mighty Jackie by Marissa Moss
Zen Shorts by Jon Muth

Chapter books

Archer's Quest by Linda Sue Park
Because of Winn-Dixie and other books by Kate Di Camillo
The Book of Story Beginnings by Kristin Kladstrup
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Frindle by Andrew Clements
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
The Ink-Keeper's Apprentice by Allen Say
The Kite Fighters by Linda Sue Park
The Lightning Thief and The Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan ***My favorites this year!**
Morning Girl by Michael Dorris
Never Mind! A Twin Novel by Avi
The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
Poppy's Return (last in the series) by Avi
Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park
Quake! Disaster in San Francisco, 1906 by Gail Langer Karwoski
The Revenge of the Shadow King by Derek Benz & J.S. Lewis
The Star of Kazan by Eva Ibbotson
Thumb On a Diamond by Ken Roberts
Thunder from the Sea by Joan Hiatt Harlow
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
The Wright 3 by Blue Balliett
The Xanadu Adventures by Lloyd Alexander
The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin
Younguncle Comes to Town by Vandana Singh

Non-fiction

Bright Path: Young Jim Thorpe by Don Brown
Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem by Marilyn Nelson
Invisible Allies: Microbes That Shape Our Lives by Jeanette Farrell
A Library For Juana by Pat Mora
The Man Who Made Time Travel by Kathryn Lasky
Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges
Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
The Tarantula Scientist by Sys Montgomery