



SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRADES 1-7

*THE SUMMER IS AN IMPORTANT TIME TO MAINTAIN GOOD READING HABITS.
CHILDREN WHO READ CONSISTENTLY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS ENTER
SCHOOL WITH MORE CONFIDENCE AND IMPROVED SKILLS.*

**ALL STUDENTS IN SOMERVILLE ARE REQUIRED TO READ A MINIMUM
OF TWO BOOKS DURING THE SUMMER.**

- When children return to school in the fall, the first book project of the year will be based on their summer reading.
- This is a SUGGESTED list of featured authors and titles.
- Children may choose these titles or any others parents approve.
- The students completing eighth grade will receive a list from the high school English department stating titles for the incoming class.
- For independent reading with your child, he/she should sound fluent, and understand most of the words.
- Please choose the titles at the public library that best meet your child's needs. This list is presented by levels, from easier, to average, to challenging.

*Our goal is to motivate children to enjoy reading through successful
experiences with books.*

Thank you,

For each grade, an author is listed followed by suggested titles
from easier to average to challenging

SUGGESTED LIST FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADE 1

Jerry Palotta:

The Ocean Alphabet Book, *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book,* *The Butterfly Alphabet Book*

Steven Kellogg:

A Penguin Pup for Pinkerton, *Poppleton,* (any in series)

Barbara Park:

Junie B. Jones (any in series)

Cynthia Rylant:

Henry and Mudge, *Mr. Putter and Tabby,* (any in series)

SUGGESTED LIST FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADE 2

Patricia Reilly Giff:

Monster Rabbit Runs Amuck, *The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room,* *Emily Arrow Promises to Do Better This Year*

Pat Mora:

A Birthday Basket for Tia, *Pablo's Tree,* *Tomas and the Library Lady*

Patricia McKissack:

Miranda and Brother Wind, *Nettie Jo's Friends,* *Flossie and the Fox*

Gail Gibbons:

Dogs, Knights in Shining Armor, *The Planets*

SUGGESTED LIST FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADE 3

Joanna Hurwitz:

Aldo Ice Cream, *Ali Baba Bernstein,* *Baseball Fever*

Dick King-Smith:

Babe the Gallant Pig, *School Mouse,* *Sophie in the Saddle*

Melvin and Gilda Berger:

Brrr: A Book About Polar Animals, *Look Out For Turtles, Is A Dolphin A Fish?*

Allan Say:

The Bicycle Man, *The Boy of the Three Year Nap,* *Under the Cherry Blossom: An Old Japanese Tale*

SUGGESTED LIST FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADE 4

Paul Goble:

Iktomi and the Boulder: A Plains Indian Story, *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses,*
The Gift of the Sacred Dog

Lensey Namioka:

Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear, *Yang the Second and Her Secret Admirers,*
Yang the Third and Her Impossible Family

Paul Fleischman:

George Washington Carver; What Do You See, The Heroine of the Titanic: A Tale of Both True and Otherwise of the Life of Molly Brown

David Macaulay:
Shortcut, Rome Antics, Building Big

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SUGGESTED LIST FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADE 5

Seymour Simon:
Storms, Earthquakes, Destination Space
Matt Christopher:
Baseball Pals, Supercharged Infield, Mia Hamm
E. L. Konigsburg:
A View from Saturday, Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, Wm. McKinley and Me, Elizabeth, About the B'nai Bagels
Jean Craighead George:
On the Far Side of the Mountain, Shark Beneath the Reef, The Talking Earth

SUGGESTED LIST FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADE 6

Katherine Paterson:
Jib: His Story, Jacob Have I Loved, The Master Puppeteer
Kathryn Lasky:
The Night Journey, Monarchs, The Royal Diaries Series (any in series)
Natalie Babbitt:
Tuck Everlasting, Kneeknock Rise, The Search for Delicious
Laurence Yep:
The Amah, Dragon of the Lost Sea, Dragonwings

SUGGESTED LIST FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING GRADE 7

Sharon Creech:
Chasing Redbird, Walk Two Moons, Absolutely Normal Chaos
Will Hobbs:
Kokopelli's Flute, Far North, Wild Man Island
James Herriot:
The Market Square Dog, Bonny's Big Day, All Creatures Great and Small
Richard Peck:
A Year Down Yonder, Fair Weather: A Novel, Something for Joey

Please return this form in September to your classroom teacher.

NAME _____

COMPLETED SUMMER BOOKS

DATE

My child _____ has read the above books during the
summer of 2007.

Parent/Guardian _____