

Overview of Program

Throughout the school year, the goal at Roberto Clemente Middle School has been for students to be reading a book at all times. Students read many books during the school year and are in the habit of reading on a regular basis. In keeping with this practice, it is expected that students will continue reading books throughout the summer and will be accountable for that reading when they return to school in the fall.

The English/Language Arts department has designed a process for students to follow in order to prepare themselves for the coming academic school year. Included in this brochure is a recommended reading list and a list of recommended authors from which students may select their summer reading. It is suggested that students and parents review this list and make selections that will be both enjoyable and challenging.

Process for Reading

Please follow these directions for each reading:

- Students will select a book which has not been previously read and meets with parent approval.
- On a 5"x8" note card, typed paper, or loose leaf paper write the Title and Author
Main Characters with a short description
- Write a summary of the book which tells the conflict of the story, the main events, and explains how the conflict was solved.
- Upon returning to school in August, students will turn their work in to their English teacher. They will also complete a graded assignment related to the books they have read.

Seventh Grade Expectations

Reg Read at least one book from the author or title list.
Read one additional book of choice.

GT Read at least two books from the author or title list.
Read one additional book of choice.

Author List

Karen Hesse	Laura Resau
Lloyd Alexander	Avi
Matt Christopher	Bruce Brooks
Beverly Cleary	Roald Dahl
Virginia Hamilton	Mary Downing Hahn
Lois Duncan	Robert Lipsyte
Gary Paulsen	Walter Dean Myers
Paula Danziger	Katherine Paterson
Cynthia Voigt	Laurence Yep
Lois Lowry	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
C. S. Lewis	Madeleine L'Engle
S. E. Hinton	Norma Fox Mazer
Susan Cooper	Scott O'Dell
Jerry Spinelli	Theodore Taylor
Jack London	Ann Rinaldi
J.R.R. Tolkien	Mark Twain
Jules Verne	Edgar Allen Poe
Jordan Sonnenblick	Janette Rallison

Title List

<i>The Secret Garden</i>	<i>Burnett</i>
<i>The Story of My Life</i>	<i>Keller</i>
<i>The Pigman</i>	<i>Zindel</i>
<i>Zlata's Diary,</i>	
<i>A Child's Life in Sarajevo</i>	<i>Filipovic</i>
<i>Monkey Island</i>	<i>Fox</i>
<i>Summer of the Swans</i>	<i>Byars</i>
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>	<i>Verne</i>
<i>The Music of the Dolphins</i>	<i>Hesse</i>
<i>Loch</i>	<i>Zindel</i>
<i>Watsons Go to Birmingham</i>	<i>Curtis</i>
<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>The Slave Dancer</i>	<i>Fox</i>
<i>King's Shadow</i>	<i>Alder</i>

Below are ten additional books that you have the option to read. These books are the **Black Eyed Susan** books selected for the next school year. Our Media Center Specialist, Alexis Gerard, will be holding fun and engaging book talks and parties where these books will be discussed. Keep reading and enjoy your summer!

Bingham, Kelly	<i>Shark Girl</i>
Burg, Shana	<i>A Thousand Never Evers</i>
Carey, Janet Lee	<i>Dragon's Keep</i>
Dowd, Siobhan	<i>The London Eye Mystery</i>
Hobbs, Will	<i>Go big or Go Home</i>
Korman, Gordon	<i>Schooled</i>
Landy, Derek	<i>Skulduggery Pleasant (also known as Scepter of the Ancients)</i>
Lewis, Richard	<i>The Killing Sea</i>
Sonnenblick, Jordan	<i>Zen and the Art of Faking It</i>
Wolf, Joan	<i>Someone Named Eva</i>

For Students Entering Grade 7

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