

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 of each
- 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.

Eighth 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

Lloyd Alexander
Maya Angelou
Matt Christopher
Virginia Hamilton
Lois Duncan
Gary Paulsen
Paula Danziger
Cynthia Voigt
John Steinbeck
C. S. Lewis
S. E. Hinton
Susan Cooper
Alice Walker
Mary Higgins Clark
J.R.R. Tolkien
Jules Verne
Jane Yolen

Avi
Bruce Brooks
Roald Dahl
Ann Rinaldi
Robert Lipsyte
Walter Dean Myers
Katherine Paterson
Laurence Yep
Charles Dickens
Madeleine L'Engle
Theodore Taylor
Scott O'Dell
Richard Peck
Jack London
Mark Twain
Edgar Allen Poe

Title List

The Chosen
Snowbound
Beauty
Thief of Hearts
Z for Zachariah
King's Shadow
Year of Impossible Goodbyes
The Rifle
The Westing Game
A Day No Pigs Would Die
Jane Eyre
The Chocolate War
Treasure Island
Summer of My German Soldier
Phoenix Rising
Gathering Blue

Potok
Mazer
McKinley
Yep
O'Brien
Alder
Choi
Paulsen
Raskin
Peck
Bronte
Cormier
Stevenson
Green
Hesse
Lowry

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 8

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