

Lakelands Park Middle School Summer Reading 2010-2011

Why do I have to read over the summer?

In Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), summer reading has been an expected practice in middle and high schools and encouraged practice in elementary schools since 1998.

Reading is a life-long skill that a person not only needs to succeed as a student and a worker, but it is also an essential skill in civic and personal activities. Perhaps even more importantly, reading opens the world to a person through various forms of literature. By reading, students have the opportunity to learn about people, times, regions, and ideas that may enhance their knowledge and development. Reading can also bring a lifetime of pleasure and mental acuity.

Research strongly suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice and decreases when we don't engage in it for even a short time. Therefore, consistent with our commitment to prepare all students for success during school and after graduation, we continue in MCPS to expect all students to read during the summer.

Okay, so what do I have to do?

It's simple! Read **two** books over the summer and fill out the graphic organizers attached. Your organizers must be completed in detail with information from the books you have read. Pick your favorite book and be prepared to analyze and discuss it with your class. You will also need a parent's signature to confirm that you have read the book, and have received your parent's permission to read the book. Then, bring your organizers with you on the first day of school.

Please note: Students that transfer from another MCPS school are expected, at the very least, to have met the requirements stated above for summer reading; at the very most, students are expected to contact the new school for information on summer reading and to meet the new school's expectations.

Can I choose my own books?

Absolutely! Remember, our goal is to encourage you to become a life-long reader and by giving you the choice to pick your own books, we hope you will enjoy what you read. Although we suggest that you read **2 fiction** books for your organizers, please explore reading **nonfiction** as well.

Where can I find a good book?

The public libraries, as well as, local bookstores, are filled with lots of great young adult books. Below are websites that may be helpful. You can also ask a friend or your current English/reading teacher.

Montgomery County Public Library:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Black-Eyed Susan 2008-2009 Nominees

http://www.maslmd.org/awards_nominees.php

American Library Association:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalsa.htm>

Novelist A great resource to search by Lexile Level or by similar books you've liked before. Accessible through the Montgomery County Public Library or a password is available through Edline (if you already have an account). <http://search.ebscohost.com/>

Teacher Recommended Books and Authors

- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*
Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*
Jordan Sonnenblick
- *Hoot*
Carl Hiassen
- *Hatchet*
Gary Paulsen
- *Becoming Naomi Leon*
Pamela Munoz-Ryan
- *Bronx Masquerade*
Nikki Grimes
- *Love that Dog*
Sharon Creech
- *When I was a Puerto Rican*
Esmeralda Santiago
- *The Secret Life of Bees*
Sue Monk Kidd
- *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*
Jack Gantos
- *Crossing the Wire*
Will Hobbs
- *Hoops*
Walter Dean Myers

Questions?

Contact Kelly Gowetski, English RT 301-670-1400 or Kelly_H.Gowetski@mcpsmd.org

Student name: _____ Parent Initials: _____



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