

John Poole Middle School Summer Reading 2011



Why do we have summer reading requirements?

Summer reading has been an expected practice in Montgomery County Public Schools since 1998. Research suggests that reading, like most skills, improves with practice. Additionally, reading is a life-long skill essential to success in academic, civic, and personal circles. Therefore, consistent with our systemic goals of preparing students for success both during school and after graduation, we at John Poole continue to expect students to read during the summer.

Overview of summer reading at John Poole

Summer reading at JPMS is meant to be both fun and educational. To that end, you will read two books of your choosing. One book will be fiction; the other book should be non-fiction. Both books need to be age-appropriate and approved by parents/guardians. **Thoroughly complete one organizer for each book, and obtain your parents/guardians signature to confirm that you have read the book. The due date for the summer reading organizers is Friday, September 9, 2011.** Students who transfer into JPMS during the summer are also expected to have met the expectations for summer reading by 9/9/11.

Where can I get help in choosing my books?

Our goal is to encourage you to read! By giving you the choice of books, we hope you will be more invested in reading and in the accompanying activities. Although we are asking you to read and respond to two books, you might also enjoy reading magazines, newspapers, parent-approved websites, joke books, graphic novels, short stories, poems, etc. You may look for appropriate books in several places, including searching websites and authors listed on a separate page in this packet. You are not *required* to read a book by any of these authors; the list is simply a starting point.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Boucher
Principal

Jane Lindsay
English Resource Teacher

Joy McIntyre
Media Specialist

John Poole Middle School Summer Reading - Suggested Author list

Avi	Robin McKinley
Louisa May Alcott	Patricia McKissack
Lloyd Alexander	Carolyn Meyer
T.A. Barron	Ben Mikaelson
Joan Bauer	Walter Dean Myers
Meg Cabot	Beverly Naidoo
Matt Christopher	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Sook Nyul Choi	Jenny Nimmo
Sandra Cisneros	Garth Nix
Eoin Colfer	Scott O'Dell
Caroline Cooney	Linda Sue Park
Susan Cooper	Katherine Paterson
Sharon Creech	Richard Peck
Christopher Paul Curtis	Gary Paulsen
Roald Dahl	Rodman Philbrick
Peter Dickinson	Tamora Pierce
Thomas Dygard	Philip Pullman
Nancy Farmer	Ann Rinaldi
Jack Gantos	J.K. Rowling
Jean Craighead George	Ann Schraff
Patricia Giff	Darren Shan
Michael Crichton	William Sleator
Margaret Haddix	Gary Soto
Mary Downing Hahn	Elizabeth Speare
Virginia Hamilton	Lemony Snicket
Karen Hesse	Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Will Hobbs	Jerry Spinelli
Anthony Horowitz	R.L. Stine
Brian Jacques	Mildred Taylor
Robert Jordan	J.R.R. Tolkien
Kathryn Lasky	Megan Turner
Tanith Lee	Mark Twain
Ursula Leguin	Cynthia Voigt
Madeleine L'Engle	Bill Wallace
C.S. Lewis	Robert Westall
Janet Lisle	Ruth White
Paul Landon	Jacqueline Woodson
Jack London	Laurence Yep
Ann Martin	Jane Yolen
Carol Matas	

If you'd like more information on Montgomery County Public Schools Summer Reading program, you may access the following website:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/readinglists/>

The following websites also offer ideas for books:

Coretta Scott King Book Awards

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/emiert/cskbookawards/recipients.cfm>

The Reading Corner

<http://www.carr.org/read/>

Teachervision.com: Summer Reading Lists

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/>

Education World

http://www.education-world.com/summer_reading/

International Reading Association: Booklists

http://www.education-world.com/summer_reading/

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature

<http://www.carolhurst.com/index.html>

Young Adult Library Services Association Booklet

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

American Library Association/Great Web Sites for Kids

<http://www.ala.org/gwstemplate.cfm?section=greatwebsites&template=/cfapps/gws/default.cfm>

Scholastic: <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading>

Books for girls: <http://www.readergirlz.com/>

James Patterson's Read Kiddo Read: <http://www.readkiddoread.com/home>





FICTION Title _____

Student name: _____

Author _____

Parent signature: _____

of pages _____

Date: _____

What I liked...

What I would change...

Favorite Quote: “ _____

_____.”
Reason why I chose this quote: _____

I (would/would not) recommend this book because



NON-FICTION Title _____

Student name: _____

Author _____

Parent signature: _____

of pages _____

Date: _____

What I learned about the topic:

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