

West Milford Township Public Schools

Summer 2010



Dear Parents and Students **entering Grades 5 and 6:**

Welcome to the 2010 Summer Reading Program. Summer reading is important!

While you enjoy the summer, please continue to make reading a part of the fun and relaxation every day. Although reading instruction is emphasized throughout the school year, children who practice reading during the summer maintain and strengthen skills that they have already developed. Your role as “Reading Coach” is important in encouraging your child to read every day. Practice in reading is like practicing baseball, swimming, piano, or any other endeavor. Everyone gets better with practice! Reading should be pleasurable as well as important! Please encourage your child to read daily.

Students who return their Summer Reading Form before their school’s Back to School Night will be eligible to receive a gift certificate to their school’s Book Fair. The winners will be announced at your school’s Back to School Night, so get your forms in to your teacher quickly. Every student who completes the Summer Reading Program and submits the attached form by September 30, 2010 will receive a Certificate of Participation. Parents are asked to sign the form verifying their child has read the books listed. By the way, feel free to read more books than we ask you to!!

Summer reading is a great opportunity for pleasure reading, as well as a terrific time for students to explore favorite subjects and to pursue new interests. Students who participate in this program will be able to pursue their personal interests by reading five books or more of their choosing. A list of suggested titles is on the reverse to help get you started.

This information is also available on the district’s web site: www.wmtps.org under district wide programs and at the West Milford Township Public Library. While visiting the Library, the Children’s Services Staff will be happy to assist you in selecting books for your child. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Enjoy your reading this summer and all year through!

Sincerely,

Iris Wechling
Director of Education

Attachment

**West Milford Township Public Schools
Elementary School Summer Reading Program (grades 5 and 6)
Summer 2010**

Name: _____

September 2010 Teacher: _____

I have read the following books as part of the Summer Reading Program.

TITLE	AUTHOR
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I verify that my child has read the books listed.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

★ ★ ★ KIDS WHO READ ARE THE ONES WHO SUCCEED ★ ★ ★

Please return on or before your school's Back to School Night to be eligible for the BOOK FAIR drawing. Certificates of Participation will be given out to all students who return their Summer Reading Form by September 30, 2010.



WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Elementary Summer 2010 Reading Program

(Suggested Titles - Book lists reflect a wide range of reading levels. Do not limit your selections to these titles.

Consider other books by the same authors.)

Students Entering Grade 5

Baker, E.D. *The Frog Princess*
Banks, Lynne Reid. *The Indian in the Cupboard*
Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey*
Byars, B. *The 18th Emegency; Me Tarzan*
Cameron, Eileen. *G is for Garden State*
Charlton, J. & S. Cook. *Hey Batta Batta Swing!: The Wild Old Days of Baseball*
Cleary, B. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*
Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*
Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl... Series*
Creech, Sharon. *Love That Dog*
Dahl, Roald. *James and the Giant Peach*
Davis, Gibbs. *Wackiest White House Pets*
DeFelice, Cynthia. *Weasel*
DeClements, Barthe. *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade*
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Magician's Elephant*
Fitzhugh, Louise. *Harriet the Spy*
Fradin, Dennis Brindell. *Who Was... Series*
Gaiman, Neil. *Coraline, The Graveyard Book*
Gilson, Jamie. *Do Bananas Chew Gum?*
Giovanni, Nikki. *Rosa*
Goodman, Susan. *The Ultimate Field Trip... Series*
Goscinnny, Rene. *Nicholas and the Gang*
Gutman, Dan. *The Homework Machine*
Hurwitz, Johanna. *Baseball Fever*
Karr, Kathleen. *The Great Turkey Walk*
Kinney, Jeff. *Wimpy Kid ... Series*
Korman, Gordon. *Swindle*
Lawson, Robert. *Ben and Me*
MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall*
Mazer, Anne. *The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes... Series*
Neuschwander, Cindy. *Sir Cumference ... Series*
Park, Barbara. *Mick Harte Was Here, Skinnybones*
Paulsen, Gary. *My Life in Dog Years*
Pennypacker, Sara. *The Talented Clementine*
Polacco, Patricia. *Thank you, Mr. Falker*
Riordan, Rick. *Percy Jackson ... Series*
Rockwell, Thomas. *How to Eat Fried Worms*
Scieszka, Jon. *The Time Warp Trio... Series; Math Curse, Science Verse*
Schmidt, G. D. *The Wednesday Wars*

Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*
Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*
Silverstein, Shel. *A Light in the Attic*
Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me*
Various Authors. *Dear America Series*
White, E. B. *Charlotte's Web*
Winthrop, Elizabeth. *The Castle in the Attic*
Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House... Series*
Willever, Lisa F. *A Glove of Their Own*

Students Entering Grade 6

Aboff, Marcie. *Hot Shots*
Archbold, Rick. *Deep-Sea Explorer: The Story of Robert Ballard, Discoverer of the Titanic*
Baker, E.D. *The Frog Princess*
Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything but Typical*
Balliet, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer*
Cerullo, Mary M. *Sharks: Challengers of the Deep*
Cleary, Beverly. *Strider*
Clements, Andrew. *A Week in the Woods The School Story*
Creech, Sharon. *The Wanderer Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*
Dahl, Roald. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
d'Lacey, Chris. *The Last Dragon Chronicles*
de Angeli, Marguerite. *The Door in the Wall*
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux*
Fraiser, Debra. *Miss Alaineus*
George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*
Goodman, Susan. *The Ultimate Field Trip... Series*
Gutman, Dan. *The Baseball Card Adventure Series*
Higgins, F.E. *The Black Book of Secrets*
Houston, James. *Long Claws*
Humphrey, Kathryn Long. *Pompeii: Nightmare at Midday*
Juster, Norton. *Phantom Tollbooth*
Kehret, Peg. *Earthquake Terror*
Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Lehman, Barbara. *Rainstorm*
Lewis, C. S. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*
Lowry, Lois. *Number the Stars*
Miller, Sarah. *Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller*

Morris, Paula. *Ruined*
Myers, W. D. *Mop, Moondance, and the Nagasaki Knights*
Nelson, K. *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*
Paterson, Katherine. *The Great Gilly Hopkins*
Paulsen, Gary. *Guts Biography*
Peck, Richard. *Here Lies the Librarian*
Prelutsky, Jack. *My Dog May Be A Genius*
Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*
Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter... Series*
Sachar, Louis. *Holes*
Shalant, Phyllis. *Beware*
Silverstein, Shel. *Falling Up*
Simon, Seymour. *Animals Nobody Loves*
Snickett, Lemony. *A Series of Unfortunate Events*
Spinelli, Jerry. *Manic Magee*
Steward, T.L. *Mysterious Benedict Society... Series*
St. George, Judith. *So You Want to Be President*
Tan, Shaun. *The Arrival*
Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*
Yep, Lawrence. *Dragonwings, The Starfisher*

**Reread old favorites and classics!
Audio books are great for traveling!**

A great website is www.readkiddoread.com

Finding a book that is right for you:

- Select a book you would like to read.
- Thumb through the book and pick a page.
- Read the page and every time you come to a word you don't know, count it on your finger.
- If you use up five or more fingers by the end of the page, the book is too difficult for you.
- Select another book.

Enjoy reading every day!