

FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

*STUDENTS ENTERING
GRADES 6, 7 and 8*

The Franklin Public Schools and the Franklin Public Library summer reading programs are designed to foster a joy of reading and an opportunity to explore different literary genres. Franklin's summer reading programs reflect our Core Student Expectations: Read widely and strategically, think critically and creatively, and communicate effectively. To reinforce these expectations, adults can help their children in a variety of ways. Some suggested activities are:

- *Read TO and WITH children of all ages.*
- *Match books to your child's interest and reading level. (In a passage of 50 words a child should make no more than five pronunciation errors.)*
- *Discuss books with your children.*
- *Encourage children to try different genres including poetry and nonfiction.*
- *Encourage children to try different materials including newspapers, magazines and books on tape.*
- *Visit local libraries and bookstores.*

We have partnered with the Franklin Public Library and Barnes & Noble, whose staff will be very helpful in recommending books for your child. Students who choose to participate in both programs may use the same titles for all programs.

*These authors are **SUGGESTED** by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Franklin Public Schools.*

Suggested Young Adult Contemporary Authors

Louisa May Alcott	Paula Fox	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Lloyd Alexander	Jack Gantos	Joan Lowery Nixon
Joan Aitken	Jean Craighead George	Scott O'Dell
Isaac Asimov	Margaret Peterson Haddix	Christopher Paolini
David Almond	Virginia Hamilton	Katherine Paterson
Avi	Karen Hesse	Gary Paulsen
Lynn Reid Banks	S.E. Hinton	Richard Peck
Patricia Beatty	Will Hobbs	Christopher Pike
Jay Bennett	Horowitz	Rodman Philbrick
Ray Bradbury	Irene Hunt	Wilson Rawls
Joseph Bruchac	Jeff Kinney	Anne Rinaldi
Eve Bunting	E.L.Konigsburg	J.K. Rowling
Betsy Byars	Gordon Korman	Cynthia Rylant
Matt Christopher	Jim Kjelgaard	Louis Sacher
Beverly Cleary	Kathryn Lasky	William Sleator
James Collier	Ursula LeGuin	Lemony Snicket
Caroline Cooney	Madeline L'Engle	Elizabeth Speare
Susan Cooper	Jack London	Jerry Spinelli
Eoin Colfer	Lois Lowry	Mildred Taylor
Sharon Creech	Mike Lupica	J.R.R. Tolkien
Karen Cushman	Patricia MacLachlan	Cynthia Voight
Roald Dahl	Ann M. Martin	Bill Wallace
Marguerite DeAngeli	Harry Mazer	Yoko K. Watkins
Paula Danziger	Norma Fox Mazer	Jane Yolen
Kate DiCamillo	Ann McCaffrey	Laurence Yep
Lois Duncan	Lurlene McDaniel	Paul Zindel
	Walter Dean Myers	

Summer Reading Requirements

All middle school students are **required to read two (2) books** for summer reading. Students are encouraged to read more. We believe that books are

meant to be shared. Therefore, middle school students are also required to prepare and present a book talk on one of their two books.

- Students will present their book talks upon returning to school. A sample of a good book talk will be modeled for students prior to their presentation.
- Students are required to take notes on the book they will be presenting. These will be collected for a homework grade.
- Students will receive a quiz grade for their presentations.
- See below for suggestions on how to give a book talk. In the fall, your teacher may also provide you with additional choices for presenting your book.

How to Give a Book Talk

1. Purpose:

- Get your audience excited about a book, author, series, or genre.
- Demonstrate an understanding of your summer reading.

2. Prepare:

- Make sure you've read the book.
- Think about what is interesting about your book.
- Think about the lead - how you will capture the readers' interest.
- Take notes as you read. You may want to consider a reader response journal. (See ideas in #3 below for the kind of information you might include in your notes.)
- Mark with sticky notes passages you may want to share during your book talk.
- Prepare note cards to refer to during your talk.

3. Present: (3 minutes)

- Show the book or other visual or object related to your book.
- Tell the title, author, and genre.
- Start with a good lead (interesting introduction).
- Explain why you chose to share the book.
- In addition, chose one of the following.
 - Talk about characters, setting, problem and some events but don't give away secrets
 - Read an excerpt (paragraph or two) and explain why this passage is important to the story

4. Remember:

- Practice the night before.
- Look at everyone.
- Speak clearly.
- Show your enthusiasm.
- Keep it short!
- Relax and have fun sharing your summer reading book!

Summer Reading Log

Please return this log to your English teacher by Friday, September 4, 2009.

Please list below the books that you have read by title and author. The first two are the required books.

TITLE

AUTHOR

1. _____

2. _____

Additional Titles Read

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Students who read 8 books or 1500 pages will be invited to a Summer Reading Celebration in September.