Dear Parents of Students Entering Grades 1-5,

Summertime presents a wonderful opportunity to help your child develop a love of books and reading. Research shows that continued reading practice during the summer is the best thing that students can do to help maintain and improve their reading skills and "hit the ground running" in September. Included on this webpage are a suggested summer reading list of books that your child can use to choose books to read during the upcoming summer months. The books have been selected based on interest and readability levels and most are available at the Pleasantville Public Library, through the Atlantic County Library System (ask the librarian), or at Borders. They can also be purchased at discounted prices at www.half.com, www.overstock.com, www.amazon.com, and www.cheapestbook.com.

All students entering grades 1-5 in September 2011 are asked to read three books during the summer and complete a project for each book. Also included on this webpage are several project ideas that students can choose from to demonstrate their understanding of their chosen books. Projects should be completed by students, signed by a parent, and turned in to your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year. Students who read three books and complete a signed project for each will be eligible for a special reward during the month of September. Your help and support in encouraging your child to read three books and complete three projects this summer will help maintain and enhance the growth he/she has made in both reading and writing this past school year.

Thank you in advance, and have a healthy and happy summer!
Pleasantville Public Schools
Summer Reading List
Students Entering Grade 1

First Grade
Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse - Leo Lionni
Two Bad Ants - Chris Van Allsburg
My Monster Mama Loves Me So - Laura Leuck
The Dog Who Cried Wolf - Keiko Kasza
Miss Nelson Is Missing - Harry Allard
Curious George - H.A. Rey
How I Became A Pirate - Melinda Long
Young Cam Jansen Series - David Adler
Cat in the Hat - Dr. Seuss
Henry and Mudge Series - Cynthia Rylant
Three Little Pigs - James Marshall
Grandpa's Face - Eloise Greenfield
When Will I Read - Miriam Marshall
Franklin Series - Paula Bourgeois
Are You My Mother - P.D. Eastman
Hattie & The Fox - Mem Fox
Froggy Series - Jonathan London
Robbery at the Diamond Dog Diner - Eileen Christelow
Stella Louella's Runaway Book - Lisa Campbell Ernst

Stellaluna - Janell Cannon
The Stray Dog - Marc Simont
Arthur - Marc Brown
The Giving Tree - Shel Silverstein
Little Red Hen - Paul Galdone
Peeping Beauty - Mary Jane Auch
The Three Snow Bears - Jan Brett
House for a Hermit Crab - Eric Carl
Strega Nona - Tomie DePaola
Bark George - Jules Pfeifer
I Stink - Kate McMullan
Feelings - Aliki
Best Friends Again - Aliki
Max & Ruby Series - Rosemary Wells
Shark in the Sea - Joanna Ryder
Hooway For Wodney Wat - Helen Lester
My Visit to the Aquarium - Aliki
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<td>Iris and Walter series - Elissa Haden Guest</td>
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<td>Miss Fox - Simon Puttock</td>
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<td>I’m Bad - Jim &amp; Kate McMullen</td>
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Pleasantville Public Schools
Summer Reading List
Students Entering Grades 3-5

BIOGRAPHY

How Ben Franklin Stole Lightening  by  Rosalyn Schanzer
Lou Gehrig :the Luckiest Man by David A. Adler
Jump! From the Life of Michael Jordan  by Floyd Cooper
By My brother's Side  by Ronde and Tiki Barber
Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq  by  Mark Alan Stamaty
Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters  by  Andrea Davis Pinkney
Talkin' about Bessie :the Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman  by Nikki Grimes
How They Got Over: African Americans and the Call of the Sea  by Eloise Greenfield
Barack Obama : Working to Make a Difference  by Marlene Targ Brill.
Heroine of the Titanic : the Real Unsinkable Molly Brown by Elaine Landau
My heroes, My People :African Americans and Native Americans in the West Portraits by Morgan Monceaux
Coretta Scott  by Ntozake Shange

FOLK TALES/FAIRY TALES/LEGENDS/MYTHS

Iktomi and the Berries :Plains Indian Story /retold and illustrated by Paul Goble.
Best Loved Folk Tales of the World  selected by Joanna Cole
Her Stories :African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales /told by Virginia Hamilton
That Awful Cinderella, by  Alvin Granowsky
Various Cinderella stories
The Boy Who Lived with the Bears: and Other Iroquois stories told by Joseph Bruchac
Aesop's Fables
The McElderry Book of Greek Myths  by  Eric Kimmel
D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths, by Ingri D'Aulaire
Sister Tricksters: Rollicking Tales of Clever Females  by Robert SanSouci
MYSTERY
Bunnicula: A Rabbit-tale of Mystery by Deborah and James Howe
The Wolf Girls: An Unsolved Mystery from History by Jane Yolen
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
The mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsburg
Room One by Andrew Clements

Ghost Children by Eve Bunting,
The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
Half Moon Investigations by Eoin Colfer
The Sisters Grimm Mysteries by Michael Buckley
Sammy Keyes Mysteries by Wendelin Van Draanen
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

GRAPHIC NOVELS
The Race to the South Pole by Jim Pipe
Bone (series) by Jeff Smith
Baby Mouse (series) by Jennifer Holm
My Neighbor Totoro by Hayao Miyazaki
Babysitter's Club by Raina Telgemeier

Miyazaki's Spirited Away by Hayao Miyazaki
Gulliver's Travels by Jun Wang
African Mythology: Anansi by Glenn Herdling
Owly by Andy Runton
Nightmare on Joe's Street by Zachary Rau

SERIES
Picture Book Biographies by David Adler
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
Amber Brown by Paula Danzinger
Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol
Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka
Baseball Card Adventures by Dan Gutman
Franny K. Stein by Jim Benton
My Weird School and My Weird School Daze by Dan Gutman
Geronimo Stilton

Shredder Man by Wendelin Van Draanen
Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi
Rotten School by R.L. Stine
My Weird School by Dan Gutman
Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor
Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner
Tales of the Frog Princess by E.D. Baker
Katie Kazoo by Nancy Krulik
Abby Hayes by Anne Mazer

How to train your dragon and succeeding titles by Cressida Cowell
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Stink by Megan McDonald

Percy Jackson and Lightning Thief (and subsequent titles)
Sister's Club by Megan McDonald
"DON'T MISS" FICTION
Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
Joey Pigza by Jack Gantos
Marvin Redpost Alone in His Teacher’s House by Louis Sachar
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
Stink by Megan MacDonald
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
Sahara Special by Esme Codell
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Philip Hall likes me. I Reckon Maybe by Bette Greene
Gollywhopper Games by Jody Feldman
The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick
Brendan Buckley’s Universe and Everything in it by Sundee T. Frazier
The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo
Made You Look by Diane Roberts
Alice in Wonderland original version by Lewis Carroll

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY
Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
Aliens ate my Homework by Bruce Coville
May Bird Among the Stars by Jodi Lynn Anderson

AUTHORS
Avi
Gary Paulsen
Judy Blume
Jerry Spinelli
Beverly Cleary
Lois Lowry
Roald Dahl

POETRY
Night on Neighborhood Street by Eloise Greenfield
Science Verse by Jon Scieszka
A Pizza the Size of the Sun Poems by Jack Prelutsky
Nonsense! By Lear, Edward
Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich … by Adam Rex
Flicker Flash by Joan Bransfield
Falling Up: Poems and Drawings by Shel Silverstein
Graham
Fold Me a Poem by Kristine O’Connell George
Meet Danitra Brown by Nikki Grimes
A Bad Case of the Giggles: Kids Favorite Funny Poems selected by Bruce Lansky
### HISTORICAL FICTION
- Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- The King of Mulberry Street by Donna Jo Napoli
- Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
- Anna, Grandpa, and the Big Storm by Carla Stevens
- The Amazing Air Balloon by Jean Van Leeuwen
- Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry by Phillip Hall
- The Adventures of Marco Polo by Russell Freedman
- The Harmonica / Tony Johnston; illustrated by Ron Mazellan.
- Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings by Deborah Hopkinson
- The Mary Celeste: An Unsolved Mystery from History by Jane Yolen and Heidi Elisabet Yolen Stemple

### NONFICTION
- Marley: A dog Like No Other by John Grogin
- Shark Encounters by Michael Patrick O'Neill
- It's Disgusting and We Ate It! by James Solheim
- Down to Earth Guide to Global Warming by Laurie David
- Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays by Peg Kehret
- Eats, Shoots and Leaves: Why, commas do make a difference! by Lynne Truss
- The American Story: 100 True Tales from American History by Jennifer Armstrong
Project Choices

Each project must include the following: Book Title, Author, Your Name, Parent Signature

Students Entering First and Second Grade

Make your three (3) project choices from the following:
• Draw your favorite part of the story and write a sentence telling about it.
• Draw your favorite character from the story. Write 3 sentences to describe him/her.
• List five (5) vocabulary words that are in the story and write the definition of each.
• Use magazine photos to make a collage about the story.
• On a brown bag, write the title and author of the story then draw a picture of your favorite part. Put five (5) items in the bag which remind you of the story. Write a sentence for each item telling why you chose it.

Students Entering Third to Fifth Grade

Make your three (3) project choices from the following:
• Make a poster, advertising your book so that someone else will want to read it. Use 12”x18” size paper.
• Write a letter to the main character of your book. Ask questions, make suggestions, and/or give your opinion about his or her actions in the story. The letter must be a minimum of ten (10) sentences.
• Write a one (1) sentence summary of each chapter and illustrate each sentence.
• Choose a quote from a character. Tell why it would or wouldn't be a good motto to live by. Minimum five (5) sentences.
• Make a timeline of all the events in the story.
• Compare and contrast two (2) characters in the story. Minimum ten (10) sentences.
• Sketch your favorite part of the book. Write five (5) sentences describing the scene.
• List ten (10) facts you learned from reading the book.
• Draw a comic strip of your favorite scene.
• Compare yourself to one of the characters from the story and answer these questions:
  ➢ What traits does this character have that I don’t have?
  ➢ What traits do I have that the character doesn’t have?
  ➢ What traits do the two of us share?
• After reading a book of poetry, choose your three favorite poems and complete one of the following for each poem:
  ➢ Use magazine photos to make a collage which describes the poem.
  ➢ Write a response to the poem. How does it make you feel? Minimum 5 sentences.
  ➢ Is there a story that the poem tells? What do you think the poem is about? Minimum 5 sentences.