



# Pleasantville Public Schools Summer Reading 1-5

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](http://www.half.com), [www.overstock.com](http://www.overstock.com), [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), and [www.cheapestbook.com](http://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!

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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 Cohen  
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 - Alike  
Best Friends Again - Alike  
Max & Ruby Series - Rosemary Wells  
Shark in the Sea - Joanna Ryder  
Hooway For Wodney Wat - Helen Lester  
My Visit to the Aquarium - Alike

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Summer Reading List  
Students Entering Grade 2

Second Grade

Mirette On the High Wire - Emily Arnold McCully

My Great Aunt Arizona - Gloria Houston

Officer Buckle and Gloria - Peggy Rathmann

The Milk Makers - Gail Gibbons

Martha Speaks - Susan Meddaugh

The Art Lesson - Tomie DePaola

Gregory, the Terrible Eater - Mitchell Sharmat

Snakes Are Hunters - Patricia Lauber

Weird School Series - Dan Gutman

A-Z Mysteries      Ron Roy

Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs - Judi Barrett

Stuart's Cape - Sara Pennypacker

A Second is a Hiccup - Hazel Hutchins

Stink Series - Megan McDonald

By My Brother's Side - Tiki & Ronde Barber

If You Made a Million - David Schwartz

The Great Fuzz Frenzy - Janet Stevens

Tops and Bottoms - Janet Stevens

Pennies in a Jar - Dori Chaconas

Missing Math: A Number Mystery - Loreen Leedy

Ivy + Bean Series - Annie Barrows

Amelia Bedelia -Peggy Parish

Walter the Baker - Eric Carle

Diary of a Worm - Doreen Cronin

Storm Is Coming - Heather Tekavec

Henry and Mudge - Cynthia Rylant

Mule School - Julia Rawlinson

Nate the Great - Marjorie Sharmat

Herbie Jones Series - Suzy Kline

Cam Jansen Mysteries - David Adler

The Lorax -Dr. Seuss

If I Ran the Zoo - Dr. Seuss

A Pizza the Size of the Sun - Jack Prelutsky

Kate & the Beanstalk - Mary Pope Osborne

Dog Days - Jack Prelutsky

Sweet Tooth - Marge Palatini

Bad Boys - Margie Palatini

Bad Boys Get Cookies - Marge Palatini

Iris and Walter series - Elissa Haden Guest

Miss Fox - Simon Puttock

I'm Bad - Jim & Kate McMullen

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## 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

My Great-Aunt Arizona by Gloria  
Houston

Odd Boy Out by Don Brown

Dizzy by Jonah Winter

Glorious Flight by the Provencens,

Abe's Honest Words by Doreen Rappaport

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**

Bunnacula :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 VanDraanen

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

How to train your dragon and succeeding titles by Cressida Cowell

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald

Stink by Megan McDonald

Shredder Man by Wendelin VanDraanen

Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi

Rotton 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

Percy Jackson and Lightning Thief ( and subsequent titles)

Sister's Club by Megan McDonald

## "DON'T MISS" FICTION

Homework Machine by Dan Gutman  
Marvin Redpost Alone in His Teacher's House by Louis Sachar  
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo  
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker  
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech  
Philip Hall likes me. I Reckon Maybe by Bette Greene  
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

Joey Pigza by Jack Gantos  
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo  
Stink by Megan MacDonald  
Sahara Special by Esme Codell  
Judy Moody by Megan MacDonald  
Gollywhopper Games by Jody Feldman

## SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell  
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins  
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle  
May Bird Among the Stars by Jodi Lynn Anderson

The Borrowers by Mary Norton  
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster  
Aliens ate my Homework by Bruce Coville

## AUTHORS

Avi  
Judy Blume  
Beverly Cleary  
Roald Dahl

Gary Paulsen  
Jerry Spinelli  
Lois Lowry

## POETRY

Night on Neighborhood Street / by Eloise Greenfield  
A Pizza the Size of the Sun Poems by Jack Prelutsky  
Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich ... by Adam Rex  
Falling Up: Poems and Drawings by Shel Silverstein  
Fold Me a Poem by Kristine O'Connell George  
A Bad Case of the Giggles: Kids Favorite Funny Poems selected by Bruce Lansky

Science Verse by Jon Scieszka  
Nonsense! By Lear, Edward  
Flicker Flash by Joan Bransfield Graham  
Meet Danitra Brown by Nikki Grimes

## **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

The Babe & I by David A. Adler

House of Dies Drear by Virginia  
Hamilton

Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki

Caleb's Story by Patricia MacLachlan

Crazy Horse's Vision by Joseph  
Bruchac

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul  
Curtis

Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul  
Curtis

Time Spies by Candice Ransome

## **NONFICTION**

Marley : A dog Like No Other by John Grogan

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 Laue 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

Living Color by Steve Jenkins

Go, Go America by Dan Yaccarino

Brooklyn Bridge by Lynn Curlee

Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller

# 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.