

Scituate Public Schools Summer Reading 2010

PreK – Grade 6

Students make great strides in reading and writing during the school year, and we encourage all students to read over the summer to keep their academic skills sharp. Summer also is a time for students to explore individual interests and pursue reading for its own enjoyment.

The schools have partnered with the Scituate Town Library to offer a rich variety of summer reading books. The library has a special section for Scituate Public Schools' Summer Reading. Sharon Colvin (scolvin@ocln.org), the teen librarian, and Joey Von Iderstein (joeyv@ocln.org) are great resources to help students find engaging books.

Summer Reading Philosophy:

- Students become stronger readers by reading over the summer and building comprehension and fluency skills. Research shows that self-selected independent reading builds fluency and increases vocabulary.
- Students read more when they choose books at their reading level that interest them.
- Students should be held accountable for completing summer reading by completing Active Reading Bookmarks. Active Reading Bookmarks help students to question as they read and become active meaning-makers.

Summer Reading Requirements:

Entering PreK, K, and Grade 1:

Parents and students are encouraged to read together to develop early literacy skills. Thirty minutes per day is a good goal.

Entering Grades 2 - 6:

Students are required to read two books of their choice over the summer. For each book that they read, students must complete an Active Reading Bookmark.

Grades 2 and 3 Active Reading Bookmark Assignment
Grades 4 – 6 Active Reading Bookmark Assignment

See suggested titles on page 2 for summer reading suggestions.

Suggested Titles for Summer Reading

(Students may choose their two books, and these are recommended titles)

Please visit the Scituate Town Library, Front Street Books, and Buttonwood Books for additional suggested titles or for help finding a book.

PreK – Grade 3

Judy Moody and Stink Series Megan McDonald
Clementine Series by Sara Pennypacker
Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo
Young Cam Jansen Series by David Adler
Fly Guy Series by Tedd Arnold
Horrible Harry Series by Suzy Kline
Ivy and Bean Born to Dance by Barrows
Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt by McDonald
How Oliver Olson Changed the World by Mills
The Magician's Elephant by diCamillo
Brand New Day with Mouse and Mole by Yee
The Who Was? Biography Series
Let's Read and Find Out (Science Series)
Mathstart Series by Stuart J. Murphy (Math)
Pebble Plus (Science Series)

Other Great Authors for Young Readers:

Eric Carle, Kevin Henkes, Doreen Cronin, Eileen Christelow, Cynthia Rylant, Douglas Florian, Steve Jenkins, Jack Prelutsky, Jane Yolen, Nina Crews, Jonathan London, Peter Reynolds, and Gail Gibbons

Grades 4 - 6

Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass (realistic fiction)
11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass (realistic fiction)
Finally by Wendy Mass (realistic fiction)
The Lightning Thief Series by Riordan (fantasy)
The City of Ember Series by DuPrau (science fiction)
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Mass (realistic fiction)
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Kelly (historical fiction)
Leepike Ridge by Wilson (adventure/mystery)
Travel Team by Lupica (sports)
Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Sally M. Walker
Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith by Deborah Heiligman (nonfiction)
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip M. Hoose (nonfiction)
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream by Tanya Lee Stone (nonfiction)
The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sis (nonfiction)