



# Roxbury Public Schools

## 2010 Suggested Summer Reading

For Students  
Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Consider these two powerful statements...

- ❑ *Reading aloud is the most important thing you can do to help your child be a successful reader!*
- ❑ *Children who read succeed!*

Given this... make summer a time to invite your child into the world of books!



Get ready to read! Shop for summer reading materials and gifts for the whole family at...

**BARNES and NOBLE** in Ledgewood, NJ on  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010, 9 AM to 9 PM.**

By making a purchase on this date, you will not only be ready to read for the summer, but you will also help support the Roxbury Public Schools. A portion of the proceeds from that day will go towards the purchase of reading materials for the district's schools.

When checking out, all you need to do is proudly wear your Roxbury gear, tell the cashier that you are supporting our schools, or submit the certificate on the back of this newsletter! Shopping for more than summer reading? Great idea... get your graduation and Father's Day gifts on June 10<sup>th</sup>. RHS Key Club members will even wrap your gift(s) for FREE!  
*(See the back of this newsletter for more information)*

### Make Reading Fun!

**Read to your child.** Read something of interest to you and your child.

**Buddy read with your child.** Take turns reading the pages in a book. You can read the left side and your child can read the right side.

**Let your child read independently.** Give your child the freedom to pick up a book whenever the mood strikes! ☺

**Let your child see you read.** Children want to be just like us, so if they see us reading, they will want to read, too.

**Throw a book exchange party!**  
Trade favorite books with friends.

**Dress up and act out a favorite part of the book.**

**Have a reading picnic.**  
Take favorite food and books to the park!

**Explore local summer reading programs.** Check out the wonderful programs that are being offered at the Roxbury Public Library in Succasunna and at Barnes and Noble in Ledgewood!

**Make reading fun, not a chore.** Excitement for reading is lost when everything that is read becomes a lesson. Children who enjoy reading will become good students.

**A Website Worth Visiting...[www.bookadventure.org](http://www.bookadventure.org)**  
At this site, children create their own book lists from over 6,000 recommended titles, take multiple choice quizzes on the books they've read offline & earn points and prizes for their literary success. Best part... it is all FREE!

### Where to Find Things to Read

**Visit the Roxbury Public Library.** Miss Liz is always ready to help find the perfect book! Check out their summer reading program. Please call (973) 584-2400 ext. 113 for more info.

**Check your mailbox.**  
Read newspapers, toy catalogs, bills and children's magazines.



**Check out the WWW.** Sites like [www.mrsp.com](http://www.mrsp.com), [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net), and [www.icdlbooks.org](http://www.icdlbooks.org) have some wonderful on-line stories that you can access for free!



### Series Fever!

Have you heard, "Can I get the next book in the series? Please, please!" If yes, then your child has caught *Series Fever*. If not, this summer may be the time to help your child discover a series that he/she can get hooked on reading.

Popular series books for this age group can include: Humphrey the Hamster, Judy Moody, Stink, Geronimo Stilton, Jigsaw Jones, Bailey School Kids, Magic Tree House, Amber Brown, Third Grade Detectives, Abacadabra, Hank the Cow Dog & American Girl.

What makes series like these so appealing to kids? First and foremost, they foster excitement for and a confidence in reading. They also build upon one another, creating story language that your child can easily follow. At times, the literary merit of these series can be questioned; however, these "formula fiction" books are necessary in helping your child to develop a "need to read."

So, head on out to the library, book store, local garage sales or a friend's house and help your child to discover and build a series collection that he/she calls their own! For more information on series books, visit... <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>

### Literature and Math: Perfect Together!

Research has shown that children learn mathematical concepts best through language and the manipulation of concrete objects. The books below are but a few that can be presented to young children that spark excitement and create opportunities to learn about math.

- Domino Addition – Lynette Long
- Gator Pie – Louise Mathews
- The Grapes of Math – Greg Tang & Harry Briggs
- Math Curse – Joe Scieszka & Lane Smith
- Sir Cumference and the First Round Table – Cindy Neuschwander & Wayne Geehan
- One Hundred Ways to Get to 100 – Jerry Pallotta
- Apple Fractions – Jerry Pallotta
- Anno's Mysterious Multiplying Jar – Masaichiro Anno
- I Hate Mathematics! Book-L. Allison, M. Burns & D. Weitzman
- A Remainder of One – Elinor J Pinczes and Bonnie MacKain
- Counting Crocodiles – Judy Sierra and Will Hillenbrand
- Math for Smarty Pants – Marilyn Burns
- Great Estimations – Bruce Goldstone

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Looking for reading materials on your child's reading level? Visit...  
[www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/](http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/) or  
<http://home.comcast.net/~ngiansante/index.html>

### A Good Place to Start



The following list is a good place to start your summer reading (fiction and non-fiction), but it is only a beginning. Other titles by these authors or other authors offer enjoyable reading.

- Horrid Harry (series), Francesca Simon, 2009.
- The Composer is Dead, Lemony Snicket, 2009.
- Punctuation Stations, Brian Cleary, 2010.
- You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!, Jonah Winter, 2009.
- I Was a Third Grade Spy, Mary Jane Auch, 2003.
- The Magic School Bus and the Climate Challenge, Joanna Cole, 2010.
- How the World Works: A Hands-On Guide to Our Amazing Planet, Christian Dorion, 2010.
- Going Going Gone! And Other Silly Dilly Sports Songs, Alan Katz, 2009.
- EcoMazes: 12 Earth Adventures, Roxie Munro, 2010.
- Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way, Peter Golenbock, 2001.
- Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson, Susan Roth, 2009.

### Did I Hear Someone Say, "Free Book!?"



*Barnes and Noble* is once again sponsoring a summer reading program. Read any eight books and record them on the *Barnes and Noble* Summer Reading Journal, bring the completed Journal to *B&N* by September 7, 2010 and have the opportunity to choose a FREE book from the list designated by *B&N*. Get your Summer Reading Journal from *B&N* when you visit on the 10<sup>th</sup>!

### Summer Reading Ideas Are Growing Everywhere

This suggested summer reading publication was developed at the district level to further support families in their reading initiatives. Families may receive additional ideas from their respective schools and should view all information as a collection of ideas/tools to support their growing readers.

### Final Thought...

*Make reading a part of your family's summer... not only will you help your child to develop as a reader; you will also create memories that will last a lifetime! Happy Reading!*