



Roxbury Public Schools 2010 Suggested Summer Reading

For Students
Entering 4th Grade

Consider these two powerful statements...

- When children become good readers in the early grades, they are more likely to become better learners throughout their school years and beyond.
- Research indicates that readers do better on standardized testing, such as the SATs, than do nonreaders.

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 10th. RHS Key Club members will even wrap your gift(s) for FREE!
(See the back of this newsletter for more information)

Make Reading Fun!

Host a children's Book Club in your home. Have your child and his/her friends cooperatively decide upon a title to read. Then, just like the grown-ups, host a book discussion and follow it up with some summertime treats.

Throw a book exchange party! Trade gently used books with friends.

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!

Read to your child. Even though your child is an independent reader, read something of interest to you and your child. There are so many skills that you model for your child when you read aloud!

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.

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.

Looking for reading materials on your child's reading level?

Visit... www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/ or <http://home.comcast.net/~nqiansante/index.html>

A Website Worth Visiting... 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.storylineonline.net, www.mrsp.com, and 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, Abracadabra, 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, 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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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.

Dying to Meet You: 43 Old Cemetery Road, Kate Klise, 2008.

Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug, Ellie Bethel, 2009.

The Night Fairy, Laura Amy Schlitz, 2010.

The Composer is Dead, Lemony Snicket, 2009.

Medusa Jones, Ross Collins, 2008.

One Minute Mysteries: 65 Short Mysteries You Solve with Math, Eric Yonder, 2010.

D is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet, Elissa Grodin, 2007.

A Bad Case of the Giggles: Poems that Will Make You Laugh Out Loud, Bruce Lansky, 2008.

Baseball Card Adventures (series), Dan Gutman.

Nest for Celeste, Henry Cole, 2010.

Writing a Beginning, A Muddle, and An End: The Right Way to Write, Avi, 2008.

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 10th!



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.

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!