



Bernardsville Middle School 2010 Summer Reading

Students Entering Grade 5



Please

summer reading titles are recommended for the 5th grade. You and your parents/guardians to decide which books are appropriate for you.

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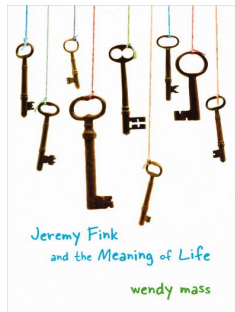
One School, One Book

All STUDENTS Entering 5th Grade SHOULD read:

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* – Wendy Mass

*This title can be a challenging read for this grade level, so it is highly recommended that an adult read it along with the student.

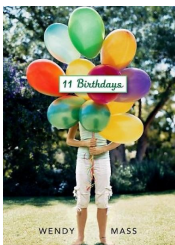
I would also recommend listening to it on audio book, while reading along! Just do your best and enjoy the story!



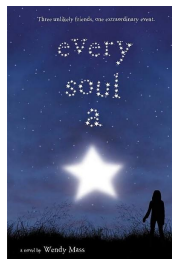
Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.

In addition, all students entering 5th grade should read at least one of the following titles by Wendy Mass:

11 Birthdays:



After celebrating their first nine birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fought on their tenth birthday, have not spoken in a year. They are preparing to separately celebrate their eleventh birthday, but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.



Every Soul a Star: Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at Moon Shadow, an isolated campground, to watch a total eclipse of the sun, but soon they begin to learn a great deal about themselves, each other, and the universe.



A Mango-Shaped Space: Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.

Teacher Picks:

The Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis

A seven-part fantasy series in which a group of children walk into a magical realm called Narnia and find themselves in the midst of an ongoing battle between good and evil led by the lion king Aslan.

- Mrs. Tchorz, Literacy – Grade 5

Archer's Quest - Linda Sue Park

Twelve-year-old Kevin helps Chu-mong, a legendary king of ancient Korea, return to his own time.

Harry Potter Series – J.K. Rowling

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series – Rick Riordan

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

- Mrs. McMillan, Literacy – Grade 5

***The Doll People* - Ann M. Martin**

A family of dolls that has lived in the same house for years is taken aback when a family of dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* – Kate DiCamillo**

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

- Mrs. Kleinstein, Literacy - Grade 5

***The Invention of Huge Cabret* – Brian Selznick**

When Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

***The Mysterious Benedict Society* – Trenton Lee**

Additional Suggested Titles:

***The Tale of Despereaux* - Kate DiCamillo**

Enjoy the adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

***Artemis Fowl* – Eoin Colfer**

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* - Roald Dahl**

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

***The Million Dollar Putt* - Dan Gutman**

Assisted by his neighbor, Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed "Bogie" Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii's fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.

***Bunnica* - James Howe**

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

***Boxcar Children #1* - Gertrude Chandler**

Four orphaned children run away and live in a boxcar, until they are found by their grandfather.

***Holes* – Louis Sachar**

Stewart

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

- Mrs. Crowley, Bedwell School Librarian

***Frindle* – Andrew Clements**

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

***The Penderwicks* - Jeanne Birdsall**

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

- Miss MacGorman, BMS School Librarian

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

***Matilda* - Roald Dahl**

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

***A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray* - Ann M. Martin**

A stray puppy named Squirrel relates her life story (beginning with her nurturing mother), providing details of her experiences with both nice and mean humans, busy highways, and the seasons and ending with her meeting two friends.

***The City of Ember* - Jeanne DuPrau**

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

***39 Clues Series* – Various Authors**

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents.

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