



Bernardsville Middle School 2010 Summer Reading



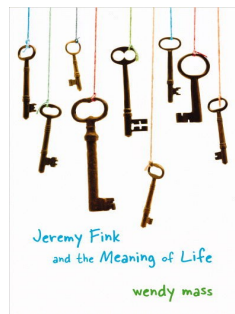
Students Entering Grade 6

Please... summer reading titles are recommended for the 6th... to you and your parents/guardians to decide which books are appropriate for you.

One School, One Book

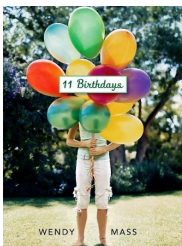
All STUDENTS Entering 6th Grade SHOULD read:

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life – Wendy Mass

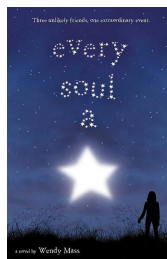


Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.

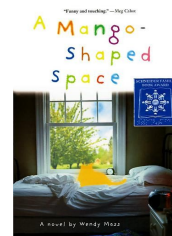
In addition, all students entering 6th grade should read at least one of the following titles by Wendy Mass:



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.

Top Teacher Picks:

Stargirl – Jerry Spinelli

Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

Maniac Magee – Jerry Spinelli

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

- Mrs. Reznick, Literacy – Grade 6

Anne of Green Gables – Lucy Maud Montgomery

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series – Jeff Kinney

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh* – Robert C. O'Brien**

With nowhere else to turn, a field mouse asks the clever escaped lab rats living under the rosebush to help save her son, who lies in the path of the farmer's tractor, too ill to be moved.

- Miss Pappozzi, Literacy – Grade 6

***Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series*
- Rick Riordan**

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and a Greek God, 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.

***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.

***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* – Jacqueline Kelly**

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

- Miss MacGorman, BMS School Librarian

Suggested Titles:

***Castle Corona* - Sharon Creech**

Two orphaned peasant children discover a mysterious pouch, the contents of which lead them to the majestic Castle Corona, where their lives may be transformed forever.

***Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters* - Lesley M. M. Blume**

Cornelia S. Englehart, a lonely daughter of famous pianists who lives in New York City, learns about language and life from a new elderly neighbor who shares stories about the fabulous adventures she and her sisters had while traveling around the world.

***A Crooked Kind of Perfect* - Linda Urban**

Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.

***Edward's Eyes* - Patricia MacLachlan**

Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.

***Leepike Ridge* - N.D. Wilson**

While his widowed mother continues to search for him, eleven-year-old Tom, presumed dead after drifting away down a river, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves with another survivor and a dog, and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters.

***Ranger's Apprentice: Book One* – John Flanagan**

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

***Swordbird* - Nancy Yi Fan**

Warring factions of blue jays and cardinals call on Swordbird, the heroic bird of peace, to rescue them from the evil machinations of Turnatt, the tyrant hawk lord who plans to enslave them.

***What the Dickens* - Gregory Maguire**

As a terrible storm rages, ten-year-old Dinah and her brother and sister listen to their cousin Gage's tale of a newly-hatched, orphaned, skibberiee, or tooth fairy, called What-the-Dickens, who hopes to find a home among the skibberiee tribe, if only he can stay out of trouble.

***The White Giraffe* - Lauren St. John**

After a fire kills her parents, eleven-year-old Martine must leave England to live with her grandmother on a wildlife game reserve in South Africa, where she befriends a mythical white giraffe.

***The Last Apprentice Series* - Joseph Delaney**

Young Tom starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties."

***Chasing Redbird* - Sharon Creech**

Thirteen-year-old Zinnia Taylor uncovers family secrets and self truths while clearing a mysterious settler trail that begins on her family's farm in Kentucky.

***Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* – Jack Gantos**

To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

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