

Somerville Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed is your child's summer reading assignment. The goal of the district's Summer Reading Program is to "develop a love of reading by promoting reading as an enjoyable experience." This year, Summer Reading Friday is on September 14, 2012 and celebrates the summer reading assignment in your child's class.

Please encourage reading during the summer. You are invited to share in the joy and pleasure of reading with your child.

You may access additional summer reading program information and electronic versions of the enclosed assignment by visiting the Somerville Public School district's website: www.somervillenk12.org.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Conroy

Read, relax, and enjoy your summer!

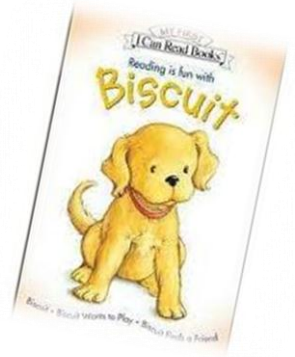
Attachments

c: Susan Haynes, Principal of Van Derveer Elementary School

Van Derveer School

2012 Summer Reading – Grade 1

The required summer reading for all students entering grade 1 is a *Biscuit* book of your choice.



Each first grade student must read at least two books: the required **Biscuit** book and a book of his/her choice.

Suggestions for the second book are listed below.

Suggested Additional Readings:

- ✓ *A Bargain for Frances* by Russell Hoban
- ✓ *Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3* by Bill Martin, Jr.
- ✓ *Diary of a Spider* by Doreen Cronin
- ✓ *Franklin Rides a Bike* by Paulette Bourgeois
- ✓ *George and Martha* by James Marshall
- ✓ *Good Night, Good Knight* by Shelley Moore Thomas
- ✓ *Puppy Mudge Loves His Blanket* by Cynthia Rylant
- ✓ A book of your choice focused on a favorite topic (such as insects, firemen, weather)



Other suggestions for more challenging readings: (Optional)

- *Astronauts Are Sleeping* by Natalie Standiford
- *Awful Ogre Running Wild* by Jack Prelutsky
- *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume
- *Henry and Mudge* (series) by Cynthia Rylant
- *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* (Lyle series) by Bernard Waber
- *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* by Brian Floca
- *Play Ball Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish
- *Rainbow Fish and the Sea Monsters' Cave* by Marcus Pfister
- *Toot & Puddle: Charming Opal* by Holly Hobbie
- *Young Cam Jansen and the Spotted Cat Mystery* by David A. Adler



**Complete the attached form and bring it to school
on Summer Reading Friday, September 14, 2012.**

Visit the district website to download summer reading activities at: www.somervillenk12.org

Read, relax, and enjoy your summer!

Name: _____

Entering: 1st Grade

Summer Reading Summary

Parents/Guardians: Please encourage your child to read as much of this book as he/she can.

You are welcome to read this book along with your child to share in the joy and pleasure of reading.

Select a *Biscuit* book of your choice.

Title:

Author: Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Draw a picture of your favorite part of the book.

Write a sentence about your book.

The second book I read was:

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

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