

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 3

The required summer reading for all students entering grade 3 is any **Flat Stanley** book of your choice.



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

Suggestions for the second book are listed below.

Suggested Additional Readings:

- ✓ *Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones* by David A. Adler
- ✓ *Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne
- ✓ *Dwarf Planets: Pluto, Charon, Ceres, and Eris* by Nancy Loewen
- ✓ *Field Trip to Niagara Falls* by Geronimo Stilton
- ✓ *Kidnapped at Birth?* by Louis Sachar
- ✓ *Louise, Soccer Star?* by Stephen Krensky
- ✓ *Ramona Forever* by Beverly Cleary
- ✓ *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. The Mecha-Monkeys from Mars* by Dav Pilkey
- ✓ *The Hit-Away Kid* by Matthew F. Christopher
- ✓ *The Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane* by Joanna Cole
- ✓ *Why The Sky Is Far Away* by Mary-Joan Gerson
- ✓ A book of your choice focused on a favorite topic (such as doctors and nurses, racing, sports)



Other suggestions for more challenging readings: (Optional)

- *Amber Brown Goes Fourth* by Paula Danziger
- *Animals Can Be So Hard to See* by Dianne Swanson
- *Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith
- *Cool Zone with the Pain & the Great One* by Judy Blume
- *Dolphins* by Seymour Simon
- *Judy Moody: Around the World in 8 ½ Days* by Megan McDonald
- *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* by Isabella Hatkoff
- *Secrets of Droon: The Moondragon* by Tony Abbott



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

Read, relax, and enjoy your summer!

Name: _____

Entering: 3rd 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 *Flat Stanley* book of your choice.

Title:

Author: Jeff Brown

Write a letter to your second grade teacher telling three main events from the story you read.

The second book I read was:

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

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