

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.somervillenjk12.org.



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Read, relax, and enjoy your summer!

Attachments

c: Susan Haynes, Principal of Van Derveer Elementary School

Van Derveer School

2012 Summer Reading – Grade 5

The required summer reading for all students entering grade 5 is to select a person you are interested in learning more about and read a biography about that person.



Each fifth grade student must read at least two books: the required biography about a person he/she is interested in learning more about and a book of his/her choice.

Suggestions for the second book are listed below.

Suggested Additional Readings:

- ✓ *Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery* by Deborah and James Howe
- ✓ *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw* by Jeff Kinney
- ✓ *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- ✓ *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* by Jack Gantos
- ✓ *Mickey and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure* by Dan Gutman
- ✓ *Pigboy* by Vicki Grant
- ✓ *Report To The Principal's Office* by Jerry Spinelli
- ✓ *The BFG* by Roald Dahl
- ✓ *The Girls' Revenge* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- ✓ *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
- ✓ *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo
- ✓ A book of your choice focused on an area of personal interest (such as flight, mailmen, travel)



Other suggestions for more challenging readings: (Optional)

- *Growing Up in Coal Country* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
- *Heat* by Mike Lupica
- *How to Be a Pirate* by Cressida Cowell
- *My Teacher Is an Alien* by Bruce Coville
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey* by Trenton Stewart
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *Warriors (The Lost Warrior)* by Erin Hunter



**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

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Name: _____

Entering: 5th 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 person you are interested in learning more about and read a biography about that person.

Title:

Author:

Setting(s): Time/Place

List the character traits of the person featured in your biography.

How did the time during which the character lived influence his or her contributions to society?

The second book I read was:

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

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