

Medway Public Schools
Summer Reading Program



Students Entering
GRADE 4

The Summer Reading Program of Medway Public Schools is designed to foster a continued joy of reading throughout the summer months. The more children read the better and more confident they become. This summer we encourage students to explore different literary genres including nonfiction, poetry and other written material.

Here are some ways that adults can help:

- Read to or with your child.
- Allow older siblings to read to younger siblings.
- Show your child you value reading and let them see you reading.
- Find books that match your child's interest.
- Read books and materials of different genre - try poetry, magazines, newspapers, non-fiction, even books on tape.
- Visit the local library for summer activities and books galore!
- Create a special shelf of books for your child and pack some favorites in your suitcase when you travel.

"Every time we read to a child, we're sending a 'pleasure' message to the child's brain. You could call it a commercial, conditioning the child to associate books and print with pleasure." Jim Trelease

* Recommended for the advanced readers

Summer Reading Expectations: During the summer, it is suggested that children enjoy reading for 15 minutes at least 5 times a week. A read aloud can count!

Below are suggested authors for students entering grade 4.

Fiction Authors:

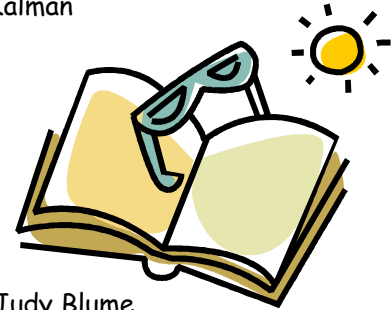
Judy Blume	Mike Lupica	Jack Gantos
Rick Riordan*	Andrew Clements	Dan Gutman
Roald Dahl	C.S. Lewis *	Gordon Korman
Lemony Snicket*	Patricia Polacco	Rich Wallace
Matt Christopher	Lynne Reid Banks	Sally Warner
Jerry Spinelli *	Greg Trine	Bonnie Pryor
Louis Sachar	E.B. White	Henry Winkler
Gary Paulsen *	Jeff Kinney	Avi *

Non-Fiction Authors:

Jerry Palotta	Gail Gibbons
Seymour Simon	Jim Arnosky
Carole Marsh	Bobbie Kalman

Poetry:

Jack Prelutsky	Bruce Lansky
Shel Silverstein	Kenn Nesbitt
Sharon Creech	



Classic Titles:

Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
How To Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
Charlie and The Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery Deborah and James Howe
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Other reading ideas:

Eyewitness Books
Compass Point Early Biographies Series
National Geographic Kids (Magazine)

Summer Reading Incentive Programs

This summer we hope all children and families take the time to enjoy the joys of summer reading. Here are a few ideas for summer reading incentive programs:

Barnes and Noble: Children read 8 books and get one free book. Go to: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp> for all the details

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge: Help break the world record for the number of minutes read in a summer. To be part of the fun log on at:
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp>

The Massachusetts Teachers Association's Red Sox

Summer Reading Game: Children read 9 books and can enter to win free Red Sox tickets.

Go to: <http://www.readingmatters.org>

Go Green at the Medway Public Library this summer!

Come to the Medway Town Library to sign up and pick up a reading log. Choose books you would like to read, track progress toward your goals online, and have a chance to win Boston Bruin prizes! There is also a program just for teens called "tnk grEn" The "Go Green at Your Library" statewide summer reading program is sponsored by local libraries, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, and the Boston Bruins, with funding from the Institute of Museums and Library Services.

