

DARE TO B.E.A.R.

Summer Reading Program

Dear Parents,

The PTO sponsored **Summer Reading Program** is here!

We have custom designed a booklet for each student as a special place for them to record their summer reading minutes. There is a note in the front for each parent and important information about the due date for returning the booklets. Children may read any book they choose.

Awards will be given at the Summer Reading Awards Assembly on Monday, September 7.

Please encourage your child to participate! It helps them and you!



Thank you,
PTO Summer Reading Coordinator,
Michelle Ricotta

Dear Parents,

Here is Summer 2009's *Dare to B.E.A.R. (Be Eager Avid Readers)* booklet. Reading throughout the summer helps to build your child's vocabulary, to maintain and build your child's reading skills and to develop a love of reading and learning.

Our modern-day world demands that we be readers, able to access and process information. Therefore, much of your child's future success will depend upon his or her ability to read and comprehend what has been read. Continued practice with reading will help your child grow as a reader. The goal of the summer reading program is to provide your child with the motivation to practice reading.

Record the date, book title and number of minutes read each time your child reads or, for younger children, is read to. The reading should be done between June 11 and August 17. Booklets are due **August 28, 2009** and need to be returned to the Summer Reading volunteers. The volunteers will be at the school entrance Monday, August 24 - Friday August 28 from 7:00-7:30. In the back of the booklet the total number of minutes read needs to be completed along with parents' signature. Awards will be given on Monday, September 7 at the Reading Awards Assembly.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER GETTING LAUNCHED INTO BOOKS!

AWARDS

300 minutes read Snack Grab Bag – 1x
600 minutes read Snack Grab Bag – 2x
1200 minutes read Snack Grab Bag – 3x
1800 minutes read Snack Grab Bag – 4x
 and Book Fair Coupon
2200 minutes read Movie and popcorn
3000 minutes read Grand prize

GRAND PRIZE

Pre-K through 2nd grade Teddy Bear dressed
3rd through 5th grade Science Kit
6th through 7th grade iTunes Card
A minimum of 5 Grand Prizes per grade will be awarded.

Those children who read 300 to 1800 minutes will receive the treats at Tea Time on consecutive Fridays beginning September 11.

My child _____
first and last name

Read a total of _____ **minutes during the Summer**
2009 Dare to B.E.A.R. reading program.

(Parent's signature)



K-8 Summer Reading List

(Choose one, two, or all of these books *for Summer Reading Minutes*)

For students entering **Kindergarten** you and your parents might enjoy:

Name of Book	Author
1) Astronauts Are Sleeping	Standiford
2) Chicka Chicka ABC	Martin and Archambault
3) The Chicken Sisters	Numeroff
4) The Leaf Men	Joyce
5) Market Day	Bunting
6) Mouse Mess	Asplind Riley
7) My Many Colored Days	Seuss
8) Prairie Primer A to Z	Stutson
9) The Scrambled States of America	Keller
10) Sheep in a Jeep	Shaw
11) The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle
12) Visiting the Art Museum	Krasny Brown
13) Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin	Moss

For students entering **1st Grade** you and your parents might enjoy:

Name of Book	Author
1) Brown Bear, Brown Bear	Brown
2) Good Night, Moon	Carle
3) Have You Seen My Cat?	Seuss
4) Hop On Pop!	Small
5) Imagene's Antlers	Gogg
6) Millions of Cats	Sullivan
7) Round Is A Pancake	Winthrop
8) Sloppy Kisses	Seuss
9) There's a Wocket in My Pocket	Joslin

For students entering 2nd Grade you might enjoy:

Name of Book	Author
1) All About Alice	Dale
2) Amelia Bedelia Series Marshall	Parish
3) Arthur Goes to Camp (Arthur Series)	Brown
4) Fox On Stage	Marshall
5) Frog and Toad Series	Lobel
6) George and Martha Series	Marshall
7) Good Morning, Chick	Ginsburg
8) Henry and Mudge Series	Rylant
9) Here Are My Hands	Martin
10) Jamaica Tag-Along	Havil
11) Mouse Paint	Stoll
12) Mushroom in the Rain	Ginsburg
13) My Hands	Aliki
14) My Hands Can	Holzenthaler

For students entering 3rd Grade you might enjoy:

Name of Book	Author
1) The Best School Year Ever	Robinson
2) The BFG	Dahl
3) Brother Eagle, Sister Sky, A Message from Chief Seattle	Jeffers
4) Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective	Sobol
5) Go Free or Die, A Story About Harriet Tubman	Ferris
6) How to Eat Fried Worms	Rockwell
7) The Keeping Quilt	Polacco
8) Miss Nelson Is Missing!	Allard
9) Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater
10) Poppy	Avi
11) Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Cleary
12) Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan
13) Walking the Road to Freedom	Ferris
14) What Are You Figuring Now?, A Story About Benjamin Banneker	Ferris

For students entering 4th Grade you might enjoy:

Name of Book	Author
1) Claudia and the Phantom Phone Calls	Martin
2) The Cricket in Times Square	Selden
3) Earthquake Terror	Kehret
4) Fudge-a-Mania	Blume
Also recommended: Superfudge and Otherwise Known As Sheila the Great	
5) The Indian in the Cupboard	Banks
6) Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang	Richler
7) The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Cleary
8) Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	O'Brien
9) My Side of the Mountain	George
10) My Teacher Is an Alien	Coville
11) Native American Doctor, The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte	Ferris
12) The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog	Erickson
13) Owls in the Family	Mowat
14) A Share of Freedom	Wood

For students entering 5th Grade you might enjoy:

Name of Book	Author
1) The Phantom Tollbooth	Juster
2) The Light Princess	McDonald
3) Baseball In April and Other Stories	Soto
4) Chasing Redbird	Creech
5) Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl	Frank
6) My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier
7) The Moviegoer	Percy
8) A Pilgrim At Tinker Creek	Dillard
9) Roll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor
10) The Canning Season	Horvath
11) Frindle	Clements
12) Have Spacesuit, Will Travel	Heinlein
13) What Would Joey Do?	Gantos
14) Looking for Life in the Universe	Jackson

For students entering 6th Grade you might enjoy:

Name of Book

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Mystery

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| 1) Sammy Keyes series | Drannen |
| 2) How to Disappear and Never Be Found | Nickerson |
| 3) Three of Diamonds | Horowitz |
| 4) Hardy Boys series | Dixon |
| 5) Susannah and the Blue Mouse Mystery | Elmore |
| 6) Nancy Drew series | Keene |
| 7) The Beastly Arms | Jennings |
| 8) A Series of Unfortunate Events | Lemony Snicket |
| 9) No More Dead Dogs | Korman |

Realistic Fiction

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| 10) Flipped | Van Drannen |
| 11) Walk Two Moons | Creech |
| 12) The View From Saturday | Koinsburg |
| 13) The Tiger Rising | DiCamillo |
| 14) Stargirl | Spinelli |
| 15) Love, Stargirl | Spinelli |
| 16) Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You! | DeClements |
| 17) Vicky Angel | Wilson |
| 18) Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time | Yee |

Fantasy/Sci-Fi

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| 19) The Phantom Tollbooth | Juster |
| 20) The Well-Wishers | Eager |
| 21) Ella Enchanted | Levine |
| 22) The Percy Jackson series | Riordan |
| 23) Time Cat | Alexander |
| 24) The Chronicles of Narnia | Lewis |
| 25) The Giver | Lowry |

Adventure

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| 26) Island, Dive, and Everest series | Korman |
| 27) The Hatchet series | Paulsen |
| 28) The Voyage of the Frog | Paulsen |
| 29) The Thief Lord | Funke |

Historical Fiction

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| 30) Fever, 1793 | Halse Anderson |
| 31) Antarctica | Lerangis |
| 32) The Other Side of Truth | Naidoo |
| 33) Out of the Dust | Hesse |

Poetry

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| 34) Heartbeat | Creech |
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| 35) Out of the Dust | Hesse |
| 36) Locomotion | Woodson |
| 37) Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices | Fleischman |

Non-Fiction

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| 38) Explorers Wanted! | Chapman |
| 39) Top Ten Shakespeare Stories | Derry |
| 40) Nelson Mandela: "No Easy Walk to Freedom" | Deneberg |
| 41) How to Write Your Life Story | Fletcher |
| 42) Henry VIII and his Chopping Block | MacDonald |
| 43) The Greatest: Muhammad Ali | Meyers |
| 44) Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo | Filipovic |

Students in 7th & 8th Grade you might enjoy:

Parents are encouraged to review selections to ensure suitability for their child.

Name of Book

Author

Fiction: Classic and Contemporary

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| 1) The Adventures of Tom Sawyer | Twain |
| 2) Anne of Green Gables | Montgomery |
| 3) The Cay | Taylor |
| 4) Child of the Owl | Yep |
| 5) Durango Street | Bonham |
| 6) Flowers for Algernon | Keyes |
| 7) Friendly Persuasion | West |
| 8) The Glory Field | Myers |
| 9) The Journey Home | Uchida |
| 10) Little Women | Alcott |
| 11) My Side of the Mountain | George |
| 12) The Pearl | Steinbeck |
| 13) Summer of the Swans | Byars |
| 14) The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle | Avi |

Historical Fiction

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| 15) After the Dancing Days | Rostkowski |
| 16) Bull Run | Fleischman |
| 17) Catherine, Called Birdy | Cushman |
| 18) Johnny Tremain | Forbes |
| 19) The Night Journey | Lasky |
| 20) Out of the Dust | Hesse |
| 21) The Slave Dancer | Fox |
| 22) The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963 | Curtis |
| 23) The Witch of Blackbird Pond | Speare |

Science Fiction/Fantasy

24) The Book of Three	Alexander
25) The Hobbit	Tolkien
26) I, Robot	Asimov
27) The Shepherd Moon	Hoover
28) Swiftly Tilting Planet	L'Engle
29) The Time Machine	Wells
30) Tuck Everlasting	Babbitt

Mystery/Adventure

31) The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Doyle
32) And Then There Were None	Christie
33) Motel of the Mysteries	Macauley
34) Stranded	Mikaelsen
35) Treasure Island	Stevenson

Poetry

36) "The Highwayman"	Noyes
37) Selections from Inner Chimes	Goldstein
38) "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere"	Longfellow
39) "Odes to Common Things"	Neruda
40) Where the Sidewalk Ends	Silverstein
41) Selections from You Come Too	Frost

Nonfiction

42) Across America on an Emigrant Train	Murphy
43) The American Revolutionaries	Meltzer
44) Bound for America: Forced Migration of Africans	Haskins
45) Farewell to Manzanar	Houston
46) Girls Think of Everything	Thimmesh
47) The Great Fire	Murphy
48) Hiroshima	Hersey
49) History of Women in Science for Young People	Epstein
50) Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns	Hampton
51) Living Up the Street	Soto
52) No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War	Lobel
53) Orphan Train Rider	Warren
54) Rosie the Riveter	Colman
55) Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World	Armstrong
56) Space Station Science: Life in Free Fall	Dyson
57) The Way Things Work	Macauley
58) Korematsu Story	Chin
59) Wildlife Rescue:	Dewey

Biography/Autobiography

60) King of the World: Muhammed Ali	Remnick
61) The Life and Death of Crazy Horse	Freedman
62) Shadow Catcher: Life & Work of Edward S. Curtis	Lawlor
63) Amelia Earhart: Courage in the Sky	Kerby
64) The Story of Thomas Alva Edison	Cousins
65) Benjamin Franklin: The New American	Meltzer

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| 66) Homesick: My Own Story | Fritz |
| 67) Thomas Jefferson: The Revolutionary Aristocrat | Meltzer |
| 68) On the Court with Michael Jordan | Christopher |
| 69) Lives of the Writers | Krull |
| 70) Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt | Fritz |
| 71) Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman? | McKissack |
| 72) Leonardo da Vinci: | Romei |

Magazines/Newspapers

- 73) Consumer Reports
- 74) Muse
- 75) National Geographic
- 76) Newsweek
- 77) Science World
- 78) Scope
- 79) Time
- 80) USA Today

Popular choices from current 7th and 8th grade students

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| 81) Twilight (series) | Meyer |
| 82) Host | Meyer |
| 83) Gossip Girls (series) | von Ziegesar |
| 84) Secrets of my Hollywood Life (series) | Calonita |
| 85) The Uglies (series) | Westerfeld |
| 86) The Book Thief | Zusak |
| 87) The Da Vinci Code | Brown |
| 88) Digital Fortress | Brown |
| 89) Alex Rider series | Horowitz |
| 90) King of Swords | Stone |
| 91) The Gatekeepers (series) | Horowitz |
| 92) Fallen Angels | Myer |
| 93) Slam | Myer |

Link to Top 10 Teen selections for 2009:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/bbyahome.cfm>