



Summer Reading Program 2009

Reading during the summer helps students to maintain and strengthen the skills that they've acquired during the school year. If kids get out of the reading habit during summer months, they may fall behind when school begins again in September. We are asking that students read two required books and complete a short assignment before returning to school in the fall. The entire reading list is posted on the school's website www.independencecharter.org. You may purchase the books if you'd like but are not required to do so. Please consider contacting your local branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia to ask about borrowing the books. You can search for your local branch on the library's website: <http://www.freelibrary.org>. Enjoy!

- Read the assigned required reading books
- Do just one of the assignments (your choice)
- Read LOTS of other books over the summer
- Keep track of your reading on the attached reading log
- The reading log should be signed by a parent each time it is filled out
- Bring the assignment and the reading log to school on Monday, September 14th.

The following books are required summer reading for incoming ICS 5th Graders:

Spanish Enhanced Program Students: **Iggie's House by Judy Blume**
Punished! by David Lubar

Spanish Immersion Program Students: **Lisa de los paraguas (en español) por Elsa Bornemann**
Punished! (in English) by David Lubar

Assignment – Choose One:

☼ Choose a character from one of the stories. Write a diary entry as if you were that character. Choose an event from the book and write a diary entry that includes some details from the event. Be sure to write in the first person, for example, "I was so scared when..."

☼ Create a postcard that one character might send to another character. Draw a picture on one side that represents a setting or event from the book. Write the message on the other side of the postcard. Be sure to include some details from the character's point of view. Make the postcard extra large by using 8 ½ x 11 paper or construction paper.

☼ Write a newspaper article (with a headline) that tells the story of the book or one of the main events from the book as it might be found on the front page of a newspaper in the town where the story takes place.



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Below is a list of **recommended** books that 4th, 5th, and 6th grade readers might enjoy:

TITLE	AUTHOR	TITULO	AUTOR
Whales on Stilts	Anderson	Las tres naranjas de la vida	Amades
Never Mind! A Twin Novel	Avi/Vail	Trueno	Armstrong
The Somebodies	Bode	Trece casos misteriosos	Balcells
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Choldenko	Juan Bobo: Four Folktales	Bernier-Grand
Lunch Money	Clements	Jugo de pecas	Blume
Vile Verses	Dahl	Las hermanas Grimm	Buckley
Don't Read This Book Whatever You Do!	Dakos	Bizcocho	Capucill
Because of Winn-Dixie	Dicamillo	Ana Tarambana me llamo	Child
Half Magic	Eager	Entre dos lunas	Creech
Insectlopedia	Florian	Agu Trot	Dahl
Inkheart	Funke	El vicario que hablaba al revés	Dahl
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Gantos	Los 21 globos	Dubois
Just Ella	Haddix	Anastasia tiene problemas	Lowry
Flush	Hiaasen	La bolsa amarilla	Nunes
Bunnicula	Howe	La gran Gilly Hopkins	Paterson
The Pirates of Pompeii	Lawrence	Aladdin y la lampara maravillosa	Pullman
Girls Got Game	Macy	El autobus magico series	Relf
June Bug	Mead]	Donde el camino se corta	Silverstein
Eragon	Paolini	El aserradero lúgubre	Snicket
Boy of a Thousand Faces	Selznick	Amos y Boris	Steig
Bone series	Smith	El zoológico	Toledo
Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket	Encuentro	Yolen