



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 6th Graders:

<i>Spanish Enhanced Program Students:</i>	Eggs by Jerry Spinelli Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
<i>Spanish Immersion Program Students:</i>	Hoot by Carl Hiaasen Nada de Tucanes (En Espanol) por Elisa Bornemann

Assignment – Choose One:

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

☼ Choose a character from one of the stories. Pretend the character is writing to a newspaper for advice. Write a short letter that the character would write to the paper, asking for advice about something that happens in the story. Write a short response from the newspaper to the character giving them some advice.

☼ Pretend you are a TV reporter that has been assigned to interview one of the characters. Write at least 10 questions that you would ask the character and then write the responses that you think the character might give when asked those questions.



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Below is a list of **recommended** books that 5th, 6th, and 7th 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	Las hermanas Grimm	Buckley
Frindle	Clements	Yo soy el queso	Cormier
Athletic Shorts	Crutcher	Entre dos lunas	Creech
Vile Verses	Dahl	Agu Trot	Dahl
Don't Read This Book Whatever You Do!	Dakos	El vicario que hablaba al revés	Dahl
Because of Winn-Dixie	Dicamillo	Tainos	Dorris
Half Magic	Eager	Los 21 globos	Dubois
Money Hungry	Flake	Un tiesto lleno de lápices	Farias
Inkheart	Funke	Los zapatos de murano	Fernandez-Pacheco
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Gantos	Todo sobre un wafle	Horvath
Just Ella	Haddix	Anastasia tiene problemas	Lowry
Hoot	Hiaasen	El sapo más lindo	Marino
Bunnicula	Howe	La bolsa amarilla	Nunes
The Pirates of Pompeii	Lawrence	La gran Gilly Hopkins	Paterson
Girls Got Game	Macy	Aladdin y la lámpara maravillosa	Pullman
June Bug	Mead	El Rockero	Sierra i Fabra
Eragon	Paolini	Donde el camino se corta	Silverstein
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Selznick	El aserradero lúgubre	Snicket
Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket	Amos y Boris	Steig
Flipped	Van Draanen	El zoológico	Toledo
Make Lemonade	Wolff	Encuentro	Yolen