

Summer Reading Program Summer 2008

We are starting a required summer reading program at Independence Charter School. Reading during the summer can help students to maintain and strengthen the skills that they've acquired during the school year. We are requiring that students read two books and complete a short assignment before returning to school in September. 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: www.freelibrary.org. Enjoy!

Required Reading for Students Entering 4th Grade in September 2008		
4th Enhanced	Sideways Stories from Wayside School	Louis Sachar
	How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell
4th Immersion	How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell
	El dedo magico (Spanish)	Roald Dahl
Assignment – Choose One:		
✧ For <i>How to Eat Fried Worms</i> , create your own worm recipe. List the ingredients and write the instructions for how to prepare the worms. Draw an illustration to go with your recipe. Write a short note to Billy to convince him that your recipe is worth trying.		
✧ Pick your favorite activity and write your own <i>How-To</i> piece that explains to a beginner exactly how to do the activity. Be sure to be specific and detailed as you give step-by-step instructions on how to complete the task. Include diagrams or illustrations to help the reader to understand your instructions.		
✧ Pick a character from any of the books and write a letter to the character. Tell the character about yourself. Ask them a few questions. Explain what you thought about what happened in the book.		

If you're looking for websites and activities to help keep reading skills fresh this summer, check out:

<http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/> Ideas for activities

<http://libwww.freelibrary.org/summerreading/> The Free Library of Philadelphia's Summer Reading Program for kids.

<http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/> Reading is Fundamental games and activities

<http://childtopia.com/index.php> Games and activities in five different languages

http://www.rif.org/leer/index_flash.msp Read, sing, share stories in English and/or Spanish

<http://www.codyscuentos.com/> Listen to and read classic children's fairytales in Spanish

Below is a list of **recommended** books that 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade readers might enjoy:

TITLE	AUTHOR	TITULO	AUTOR
Freckle Juice	Blume	Las tres naranjas de la vida	Amades
Through My Eyes	Bridges	Juan Bobo: Four Folktales	Bernier-Grand
Clarice Bean Series	Child	Jugo de pecas	Blume
Lunch Money	Clements	Auturo escribe un cuento	Brown
Magic School Bus Series	Cole	Bizcocho	Capucill
Miss Rumphius	Cooney	Ana Tarambana me llamo	Child
Love That Dog	Creech	Clic, clac, muu: vacas escritoras	Cronin
Half Magic	Eager	Agu Trot	Dahl
Insectlopedia	Florian	El Superzorro	Dahl
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Gantos	Plumas para almorzar	Ehlert
Toys Go Out	Jenkins	Guillermo Jorge Manuel José	Fox
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Kinney	Tortillitas Para Mama	Griego
June Bug	Mead	Al final de la cometa	Montarde
Across The Alley	Michelson	La gran Gilly Hopkins	Paterson
It's Raining Pigs & Noodles	Prelutsky	El autobus magico series	Relf
Time Warp Trio series	Scieszka	El Lorax	Seuss
Boy of a Thousand Faces	Selznick	Un Caso Grave de Reyes	Shannon
Bone series	Smith	Donde el camino se corta	Silverstein
Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket	Amos y Boris	Steig
Brothers	Yin	Gurrion del Metro	Torres