

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 5th Grade in September 2008		
5th Enhanced	The BFG	Roald Dahl
	Punished!	David Lubar
5th Immersion	Punished!	David Lubar
	Lisa de los paraguas (Spanish)	Elsa 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. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary. 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.		

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 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 zoologico	Toledo
Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket	Encuentro	Yolen

