

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 6th Grade in September 2008 | | |
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| 6th Enhanced | Holes | Louis Sachar |
| | Slake's Limbo | Felice Holman |
| 6th Immersion | Slake's Limbo | Felice Holman |
| | Doble Fudge (Spanish) | Judy Blume |
| 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..." | | |
| ✧ 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. | | |

Below is a list of **recommended** books that 5th, 6th, and 7th grade readers might enjoy:

| TITLE | AUTHOR | TITULO | AUTOR |
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| 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 |

