

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 8th Grade in September 2008		
8th Enhanced	Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli
	The Hero Project	Robert and William Hatch
Assignment – Choose One:		
✧ For Stargirl: 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.		
✧ For Stargirl: Choose a character and pretend that 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.		
✧ For the Hero Project: Make a list of five people that you would interview if you were asked by the authors to add to the book. Choose one of the people on your list and create a list of 15 questions that you would ask if you were given the chance to interview him or her. Write a short explanation of why you chose that person to interview.		

Below is a list of **recommended** books that 7th, 8th, and 9th 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	Al otro lado de la puerta	Blackwood
The Face on the Milk Carton	Cooney	Las hermanas Grimm	Buckley
Running Loose	Crutcher	Yo soy el queso	Cormier
Don't Read This Book Whatever You Do! Dakos		Entre dos lunas	Creech
Half Magic	Eager	El vicario que hablaba al revés	Dahl
Money Hungry	Flake	Tainos	Dorris
Inkheart	Funke	Los 21 globos	Dubois
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Gantos	Un tiesto lleno de lápices	Farias
Jazmin's Notebook	Grimes	Los zapatos de murano	Fernandez-Pacheco
Hoot	Hiaasen	Todo sobre un waffle	Horvath
Bunnicula	Howe	Anastasia tiene problemas	Lowry
Whale Rider	Ihimaera	El sapo más lindo	Marino
Realm of Possibility	Levithan	La bolsa amarilla	Nunes
Girls Got Game	Macy	La gran Gilly Hopkins	Paterson
Eragon	Paolini	Aladdin y la lámpara maravillosa	Pullman
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Selznick	El Rockero	Sierra i Fabra
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Smith	Donde el camino se corta	Silverstein
Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket	El aserradero lúgubre	Snicket
Flipped	Van Draanen	Amos y Boris	Steig
Make Lemonade	Wolff	El zoológico	Toledo
Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time	Yee	Encuentro	Yolen

