

Summer Reading

June 2009

Dear Parents,

It is that time again when we start thinking about the wonderful summer ahead and planning how to spend our time during those hot sunny days. It is our hope that, when planning what to pack for camp, vacation, or a sleepover, our children will remember to pack their favorite book or magazine to bring along, too! Attached is a list of suggested titles Mrs. Frey has compiled for your child. We hope you will find this list helpful when visiting the public library or local bookstore. Please remember that these books are suggestions and are not required reading.

Our readers have strong opinions about themselves as readers. Some will say, "I like reading fantasy" or "I like to read a whole series in order", or "I am more of a nonfiction reader". We hope that these lists will offer plenty of opportunities for your child to find the right books for him or her this summer. There is a book out there for everyone, for sure! Please note that the books on the list represent a range of difficulty levels. The children know what a "just right" book is for them and should be able to choose a book that they will be able to read comfortably.

We hope that you have a fun-filled, story-filled summer and we will see you all in September!

Happy Reading,

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SPRINGHURST 2009 SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS STUDENT ENTERING GRADE 5

BEACH BIOLOGY by Avelyn Davidson

Colorful photos and interesting text show the plant life and animals to be found at a variety of beaches.

BEYOND THE SEA OF ICE: THE VOYAGES OF HENRY HUDSON by Joan Elizabeth Goodman

In this anniversary year, readers can learn about Hudson the man, the details about each of his four voyages to North America, and what traveling by sea in the 17th century was like.

THE CALDER GAME by Blue Balliett

The gang is back! Calder, Petra, and Tommy return to solve another art mystery. This story is fast-paced and absorbing.

THE GOLLYWHOPPER GAMES by Jody Feldman

A fun and engaging novel. Gil enters the Golly Toy & Game Company's ultimate competition. He sure hopes to win as his future depends on it!

GULLY'S TRAVELS by Tor Seidler

Gully's master is in love, and life as the dog knows it is turned upside down.

LADY LIBERTY: A BIOGRAPHY by Doreen Rappaport

A "biography" of the Statue of Liberty. It presents the story of her conception and construction in France, the efforts to raise funds on both sides of the Atlantic, preparations for her arrival in New York, and the unveiling in 1886. A unique portrayal of a national symbol.

MASTERPIECE by Elise Broach

Marvin, an artistic beetle, helps James stop an art thief in this exciting mystery.

THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY AND THE PERILOUS JOURNEY by Trenton Lee Stewart

The daring foursome from *The Mysterious Benedict Society* (2007) return in another good vs. evil adventure. It has plenty of twists and escapes, but is also a warm tale of friendship.

THE PENDERWICKS ON GARDAM STREET by Jeanne Birdsall

The four Penderwick sisters are back. They are faced with the prospect of their widowed father dating and they hatch a plan to stop him.

SWINDLE by Gordon Korman

A mean collector named Swindle cons Griffen Bing out of his most valuable baseball card. He puts together a team to recover it.

WE ARE THE SHIP: THE STORY OF NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL by Kadir Nelson

The compelling history of the Negro Baseball League. The included artwork is composed of dozens of breathtaking oil paintings which honor these lost heroes of our national game.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT ALICE? by Barbara Kerley

Young Alice Lee Roosevelt made a name for herself in the White House while living there with her father, President Theodore Roosevelt. Her antics caused quite a stir!