



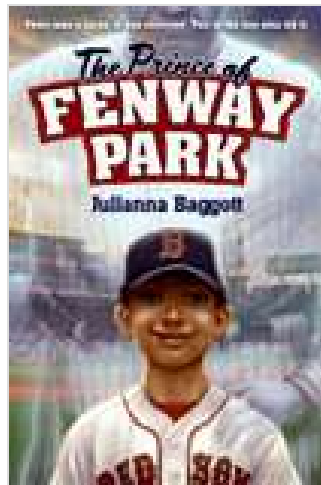
English Department Summer Reading '09

Note to Grade 5 Students and Parents

All students entering grade 6 are required to participate in the Summer Reading Program. This requirement includes reading the whole-school **community reading selection** and **one other book** from the grade 6 list. The lists include a brief summary of each book to help you make good choices. The lists may be found on the Hingham Public Schools website at www.hinghamschools.com and at the Hingham Public Library. Lists will also be available in the front offices of each school as well as at local bookstores such as Barnes and Noble, Borders, and Buttonwood. Hopefully the many titles on the list will encourage you read even more. In June your teachers will discuss the summer reading lists and give you special instructions. You should complete your summer reading before school starts.

Parents are encouraged to assist children in selecting books that are appropriate to each child's interests and reading level. As the books on the reading lists contain a wide variety of topics, parents are also encouraged to preview reading selections for content. Parents who have questions or concerns about reading selections, please feel free to contact Helaine Silva, Director of English, via email (hsilva@hinghamschools.com) or voicemail (781-741-1560 ext. 2170).

For the summer of 2009, the Community Read selection for Hingham Middle School is ***The Prince of Fenway Park* by Julianna Baggott**.



In a special arrangement with Harper Collins Publishers, copies of *The Prince of Fenway Park* will be available at Hingham Middle School for the discount price of \$10.00. (The list price of the book is \$16.99.)

Parents will be informed when the shipment arrives. While school is still in session, parents of fifth grade students may pick up books at Hingham Middle School any time during the school day, or until 3:00 each afternoon. The middle school office will remain open during the summer from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day. You may bring cash or a check for \$10.00 made out to Hingham Middle School Fund. We also plan to provide the Hingham Public Library with a number of copies.

We hope that your summer reading experience will be enjoyable and rewarding.