

# **Hingham Public Schools**

## **Summer Reading K-5**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for supporting your child throughout the year by encouraging reading at home. Summer reading is crucial to maintaining students' literacy skills. You can continue this literacy support by making sure that your child has many opportunities to read and write throughout the summer.

The attached resource list includes some book suggestions and other related links for you and your family's reading enjoyment. You can access the live links on the Hingham Public Schools website and on your school's website. As always, the Hingham Public Library is a wonderful resource for materials and programs to foster reading. Students in grades K-5 are invited to make choices from the attached resource list. This year, in addition to their choices, all students entering grades 4 and 5 are *required* to read the following selections:

**Grade 5: *The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate

**Grade 4: *Frindle*** by Andrew Clements

To help your child select appropriate books for his/her reading level, follow the *Five Finger Rule*.

- Choose a passage (or book) of about 100 words.
- When your child comes to a word that he/she cannot pronounce correctly, ask him/her to put up a finger.
- If your child reaches the fifth finger, the book is too difficult. Choose a different book.

Remember to balance independent reading with read-alouds. If a book is too difficult for your child, feel free to read it to him/her and encourage a different book for independent reading. Fluent readers still like to be read to and to listen to audio books. For older readers, be cautious that your child is not choosing books beyond his/her maturity level. Both librarians and the reputable websites listed are great sources of information in this area.

Proficient readers read lots of different types of texts. Read books or brochures about places where you may travel. Keep a journal of a special day or vacation. The library contains a wonderful collection of age-appropriate newspapers and magazines that children can read in order to learn interesting facts and information about their world. Don't forget to encourage reading comprehension by talking with your children about their books or asking them questions about the stories they are reading. Finally, remember to be a role model for your children. It is important for them to see you reading! Relax and read for pleasure!

Thank you for your support. Have a summer filled with many reading adventures!

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### **Award Winning Titles**

#### **2017 Caldecott Title**

***Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat***, illustrated and written by Javaka Steptoe and published by Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc.

Like Jean-Michel Basquiat's work, Steptoe's illustrations radiate energy and immediacy. A patch-worked canvas of scavenged wood, painted and collaged with photos, and images of human anatomy, evokes the improvisatory nature of Basquiat's art. "Radiant Child" resonates with emotion that connects Steptoe with Basquiat and Basquiat with young readers.

#### **2017 Newbery Title**

***The Girl Who Drank the Moon***, written by Kelly Barnhill and published by Algonquin Young Readers, an imprint of Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, a division of Workman Publishing.

"Moonlight is magic. Ask anyone you like." Barnhill's story is also pure magic, distinguished by careful development of a complex plot and indelible evocation of unique characters. Love, heartbreak, hope, sorrow, and wonder all shine in exquisite, lyrical prose.

### **Helpful Websites**

(Live access to these links can be found on the Hingham Public Schools website or your school's website.)

<http://www.kidsreads.com>

<http://www.ala.org/>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/>

<http://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/childrens>

<http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>

### **Start a Series!**

A-Z Mysteries

Alex Rider

Allie Finkle

The American Girl

Artemis Fowl

Bounders

Clementine

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Elephant and Piggy

Eyewitness

Frog and Toad

Geronimo Stilton

Harry Potter

I Survived

Ivy and Bean

Magic Tree House

The Mysterious Benedict Society

Nate the Great

Percy Jackson

The Spiderwick Chronicles

Warriors

Who Was...?

Zach Files

...and others!

### **More Reading Ideas**

**Start a Book Club!**

[school.familyeducation.com](http://school.familyeducation.com)

<http://www.kidsreads.com/reviews/the-kids-book-club-book>

**Books Just For Boys**

[guysread.com/](http://guysread.com/)

**Summer Fun/Ideas (Check out the library!)**

[hinghamlibrary.org/](http://hinghamlibrary.org/)

**Parent Tips** [readingrockets.org](http://readingrockets.org)