



Eighth Grade Summer Reading Program

Dear Parents,

Summer has finally arrived, and we know you and your family are ready for some rest and relaxation time. We are encouraging our students to include some recreational reading time. Studies have proven that children who read during the summer months have stronger reading and comprehension skills when they return to school in the fall.

Judice Middle School is continuing a new, voluntary, summer reading program. We want to develop enthusiasm and a love of reading. We are asking for your help.

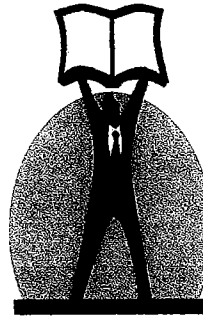
After your child finishes a book, he or she should record it on the reading log on the back of this sheet. Teachers will collect the logs at the beginning of the school year. A special celebration with prizes and refreshments will be held for those students who read **four** books during the summer. Additional rewards will be given to those who read more.

Below is a list of suggested books from our students and teachers. Students are free to read **OTHER** books not on this list that are on or near their recreational reading level.

Again, we wish you a safe summer filled with rest, relaxation, and lots of wonderful reading!

Summer Reading List

- Killing Mr. Griffin*-(Lois Duncan)
- Stranger With My Face*--(Lois Duncan)
- Time Windows*-(Kathryn Reiss)
- Adam of the Road*-(Elizabeth Janet Gray)
- Monster*-(Walter Dean Myers)
- Paper Quake*-(Kathryn Reiss)
- Inkheart*-(Cornelia Funke)
- Stormbreaker*-(Anthony Horowitz)
- Lost and Found*-(Anne Schraff)
- Dreadful Sorry*-(Kathryn Reiss)
- The Alchemist*-(Paulo Coelho)
- The Twisted Window*-(Lois Duncan)
- Heroes Don't Run*-(Harry Mazer)
- Code Talker*-(Joseph Bruchac)
- Sweet Ms. Honeywell's Revenge*-(Kathryn Reiss)
- Fences*-(August Wilson)
- Athletic Shorts: Six Short Stories*-(Chris Crutcher)
- So B. It*-(Sarah Weeks)
- Inside Out*-(Terry Trueman)
- Like Water for Chocolate*-(Laura Esquivel)
- Olive's Ocean*-(Kevin Henkes)
- Story Time*-(Edward Bloor)
- Premonitions*-(Jude Watson)
- Among the Hidden*-(Margaret Peterson Haddix)
- Black Horses for the King*-(Anne McCaffrey)
- Paint by Magic*-(Kathryn Reiss)
- Handmaid's Tale*-(Margaret Atwood)
- Fallen Angels*-(Walter Dean Myers)
- Beloved*-(Toni Morrison)
- The Red Badge of Courage and Four Stories*-(Stephen Crane)



Summer Reading Tips for Parents

- Get your child a library card to use.
- Get involved in the public library's summer reading program.
- Appreciate all books your child selects, even ones that seem too "easy."
- Be a reader yourself.
- Help your child set a realistic goal for the summer.
- Reward your child for meeting his or her goal.



Any books, fact or fiction, in your **recreational** reading level!



Judice Middle School Summer Reading Log

Name: _____ Grade: _____ **READ AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!!**

Enter each book you read in the chart. Have a parent sign after you finish each book.

Title	Author	Date Started	Date Finished	Summary (What is the book about?)	Response (What did you think of the book?)	Parent Signature