

**Crossroads Academy**  
**Incoming Third Grade Suggested Summer Reading List**  
**June, 2008**

Summer Reading Requirement: Summer Reading Requirement:

Read, read, read!!! Reading is the cornerstone of scholarship and academic success. Reading for fun has been identified as a crucial factor in building vocabulary and increasing comprehension (essential literacy skills). Summer vacation is the perfect time to encourage this practice. Each student should be reading every day over the summer for a sustained period of time (at least 30 minutes in one sitting, per day). Ms. Queen has attached a log to help you keep track! Crossroads Academy teachers recommend setting aside a certain time of day to establish a reading routine. Be sure to include books on your list of items to pack for vacation trips!

All incoming third graders are required to read at least three books from the following list of recommended titles. Students should keep a record of their reading on the attached form. Turn the form in on the first day of school. In the fall, there will be an assignment given based on the books read over the summer.

**Fiction:**

Aliki	Shakespeare and the Globe
Banks, Lynne	Indian in the Cupboard
Blume, Judy	Freckle Juice, Super Fudge
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden
Brumbeau, Jeff	Quiltmaker's Gift
Bulla, Clyde R.	A Lion to Guard Us
Byars, Betsy	Midnight Fox, My Dog, My Hero
Clements	Frindle
Cohen, Caron	The Mud Pony
Dahl, Roald	George's Marvelous Medicine
Dana, Barbara	Zucchini
DiCamillo, Kate	The Tale of Despereaux
	Because of Winn Dixie
	The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Dorris, Michael	Sees Behind Trees
Dowell, Frances O'Roark	Chicken Boy
Frasier, Debra	Miss. Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster
Fritz, Jean	The Cabin Faced West
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Fish Face
Hesse	The Cats in Krakinski Square
	Just Juice
	Out of the Dust
Hurwitz, Johanna	One Small Dog, Class Clown
	Teacher's Pet
King-Smith, Dick	A Mouse Called Wolf
	The Water Horse... And others
Lasky, Kathryn	Marven of the Great North Woods
Lindgren, Astrid	The Red Bird
Martin, Ann	A Dog's Life

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Naylor, Phyllis R.	Beetles, Lightly Toasted
Paterson, Katherine	Bridge to Terabithia
	The King's Equal
Pete, Bill	any of his books
Pinkney, Jerry	Aesop's Fables
Robinson, Barbara	The Best School Year Ever
Robinson Fay	A Dinosaur Named Sue: Find of the Century
Rodowsky, Colby	Not My Dog
Rounds, Glen	The Blind Colt
Sharp, Margery	The Rescuers
Smith, Robert K.	Chocolate Fever
Spires, Elizabeth	The Mouse of Amherst
Turner, Ann	Mississippi Mud
Van Leeuwen, Jean	The Great Summer Camp Catastrophe
Welan, Gloria	Listening for Lions
White, EB	Charlotte's Web
	Stuart Little

**Sports Stories**

Christopher, Matt	Many sports stories
Corey, Shana	Players in Pigtails
Gutman, Dan	Variety of sports stories
Hurwitz, Johanna	Baseball Fever

**Fictional Series**

Baglio, Ben	Animal Ark
Calmenson, Stephanie	Get well, Gators!
Cleary, Beverly	Ramona series
Clifford, Eth	Flatfoot Fox
Corbett, Scott	The Lemonade Trick
Danziger, Paula	Amber Brown series
George, Jean Craighead	The Moon of the Mountain Lion
Hurwitz, Johanna	Riverside Kids
Kline, Suzy	Horrible Harry (Early Chapter books)
Levy, Elizabeth	Something Queer in the Cafeteria
Lewis, C.S.	Narnia
Marshall, James	Rats on the Roof
McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody
Osborne, Mary Pope	Magic Tree house
Peterson, John	The Littles
Sachar, Louis	Marvin Redpost
Scieszka, Jon	Time Warp Trio Series
Pinelli, Jerry	Maniac Magee
Roy, Ron	A to Z Mysteries
Stilton, Geronimo	Geronimo Stilton

**History and Biographies (some series included)**

Belov, Ruth	If You Grew Up ... of George Washington
Corey, Shana	My America

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Fritz, Jean	History stories
Gregory, Kristiana	History Diaries
Hopkinson, Deborah	Under the Quilt of Night
Keller, Lauri	The Scrambled States of America
Kerley, Barbara	The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins
Krull, Kathleen	Wilma Unlimited
Levy, Elizabeth	Mystery Series
	When They Signed the Constitution
Marshall, James	Capital Mysteries
O'Neill, Mary	SOS Titanic
Osborne, Mary Pope	My America series
Rappaport, Doreen	Martin's Big Words
Roop, Peter and Connie	Go Fly a Kite Ben Franklin (and others)
Ross, Wilma	Fabulous Facts about the 50 States
Smith, David	If the World Were a Village
	Enemies of Slavery
	Heroes of the Revolution
Smith, Robert K.	Pocahontas and the Strangers
Stanley, Diane	Michelangelo
St. George, Judith	So You Want to be President?
Taylor, Mildred	The Well (Civil War History)

**MAGAZINES (not to be used for fall assignment)**

National Geographic KIDS	Ask
Ranger Rick	Dig
Sports Illustrated KIDS	New Moon
Zoobooks	National Wildlife
Kids Discover	Spider
Cricket	

**NON-FICTION (not to be used for fall assignment)**

* Arnosky, Jim	Crinkleroot's Guides
The Magic School Bus books	
The Usborne science books	
Books on your child's interests	

# Crossroads Academy Required Summer Reading Form

\_\_\_\_\_ has completed the following required reading:  
(Student's Name)

1. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_