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Summer Reading Project

Grades 3-4

Dear Parents and Students:

Research tells us that when students don't read for two months their skills regress. Reading is a skill which requires practice, just like baseball or math facts. Summer reading helps students of all ages keep their skills sharp so they are ready when school begins in the fall. Reading throughout the summer not only enhances basic reading skills of young students, it creates unique opportunities for learning, exploring, and growing. The Pleasantville Public Schools Elementary Summer Reading Program is designed to promote reading and learning as an enjoyable activity. The following is a suggested guide to authors, resources, and activities for children to share their reading experience. Please choose any title that may interest your child. We strongly encourage parents to read aloud, including to those children who are already independent readers. In addition, to being a wonderful family activity, children increase their listening vocabulary which improve their comprehension. It also them to develop interest beyond their reading levels.

All directions and pages for this activity are attached along with an example of completing the project.

The requirements: You will be choosing at least two books from the list of books for your grade level. You will then complete a project listed below for each book. This project is due Friday, September 15th.

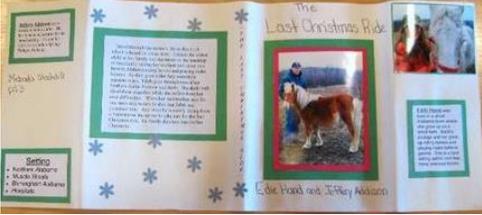


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Choose two projects to complete.

<h3>Book Jacket</h3>	<h3>Book Collage</h3>	<h3>Shoe Box Diorama</h3>
		
<p>A. For this project use construction paper.</p> <p>B. Fold the paper in half. Then fold each end of the paper in to make the inside flaps of the book jacket.</p> <p>C. On the front cover, write the title and the author of your book. Draw and color a picture that is appropriate for your book.</p> <p>D. On the front inside flap, write a short statement that will catch a reader's attention.</p> <p>E. On the back inside flap, write a short paragraph about your favorite part of the story.</p> <p>F. On the back cover, write a summary of the story in your own words. Write your name after the summary.</p>	<p>A. Create a poster using magazine or newspaper clippings of event and characters from your book.</p> <p>B. On your poster include the title of the story, the author's name.</p> <p>C. Write a summary of your book to go on your collage.</p> <p>D. Make sure you have your name on your collage on the back of the collage.</p>	<p>A. Trace the bottom of a shoe box on a plain piece of paper. Cut out the shape. Make sure it fits into the bottom of the shoe box. Draw and color the background or setting of the scene on this paper. Glue it in the shoe box.</p> <p>B. Draw, color, and cut out characters. Attach L-shaped strips of heavy paper to the back of each character. Glue each character to the bottom of the box. Do this for any other props you would like to add to make your scene realistic.</p> <p>C. Write a summary of your story in place on the lid of the box.</p> <p>D. Place your name on the bottom of the shoe box.</p>





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Students should read at least two books and use these books to complete their two project choices.

BIOGRAPHY

How Ben Franklin Stole Lightning by Rosalyn Schanzer
Lou Gehrig :the Luckiest Man by David A. Adler
Jump! From the Life of Michael Jordan by Floyd Cooper
By My brother's Side by Ronde and Tiki Barber
Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq by Mark Alan Stamaty
Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Talkin' about Bessie :the Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman by Nikki Grimes
How They Got Over: African Americans and the Call of the Sea by Eloise Greenfield
Barack Obama : Working to Make a Difference by Marlene Targ Brill.
Heroine of the Titanic : the Real Unsinkable Molly Brown by Elaine Landau
My heroes, My People :African Americans and Native Americans in the West Portraits by Morgan Monceaux
Coretta Scott by Ntozake Shange
Picture Book Biographies by David Adler
My Great-Aunt Arizona by Gloria Houston
Odd Boy Out by Don Brown
Dizzy by Jonah Winter
Glorious Flight by the Provencens
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Glorious Flight by the Provencens,
Abe's Honest Words by Doreen Rappaport
DayGlo Brothers by Chris Barton



MYSTERY

The Wolf Girls :an Unsolved Mystery from History by Jane Yolen
Room One by Andrew Clements
The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg
The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
The Mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsburg
Ghost Children by Eve Bunting,
Half Moon Investigations by Eoin Colfer
The Sisters Grimm Mysteries by Michael Buckley
Sammy Keyes Mysteries by Wendelin Van Draanen
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi



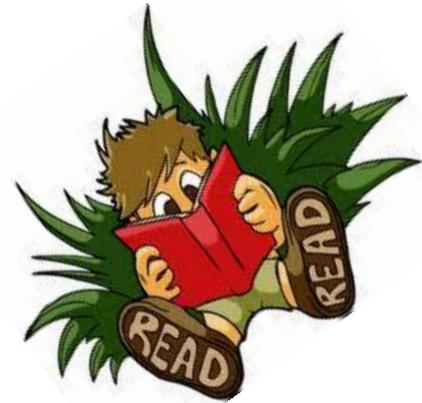
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GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Race to the South Pole by Jim Pipe
Bone (series) by Jeff Smith
Baby Mouse (series) by Jennifer Holm
My Neighbor Totoro by Hayao Miyazaki
Babysitter's Club by Raina Telgemeier
Boxcar Children Graphic Novel Series
Miyazaki's Spirited Away by Hayao Miyazaki
Gulliver's Travels by Jun Wang
African Mythology: Anansi by Glenn Herdling
Owly by Andy Runton
Nightmare on Joe's Street by Zachary Rau
Squish (series) by Jennifer Holm



SERIES

Monster High - Gitty Daneshvari
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol
Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka
Baseball Card Adventures by Dan Gutman
Franny K. Stein by Jim Benton
My Weird School and My Weird School Daze by Dan Gutman
Geronimo Stilton
How to Train Your Dragon and succeeding titles by Cressida Cowell
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Stink by Megan McDonald
Big Nate - Lincoln Peirce
Captain Underpants - Dav Pilkey
Origami Yoda series - Tom Angleberger
Dork Diaries - Rachel Renee Russell
39 Clues - various authors
Mallory -- Laurie Friedman
Dumb Diaries - Jim Benton
Shredder Man by Wendelin VanDraanen
Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi
Rotten School by R.L. Stine
My Weird School by Dan Gutman
Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor
Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner
Tales of the Frog Princess by E. D. Baker





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Katie Kazoo by Nancy Krulik
Abby Hayes by Anne Mazer
Percy Jackson and Lightning Thief (and subsequent titles)
Sister's Club by Megan McDonald
Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Greg Kinney
Ever After High - Shannon Hale
Grimmtastic Girls - Joan Holub
Clementine - Sara Pennypacker
Amelia Notebooks - Marissa Moss
Tia Lola - Julia Alvarez
Hank Zipzer - Henry Winkler, Lin Oliver

"DON'T MISS" FICTION

Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
Doll Bones - by Holly Black
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
Philip Hall likes me. I Reckon Maybe by Bette Greene
The Invention of Hugo Cabret : A Novel in Words and Pictures / by Brian Selznick
Serafina's Promise, by Ann E. Berg
The Tale of Despereaux :Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread /
by Kate DiCamillo
Made You Look by Diane Roberts
Alice in Wonderland original version by Lewis Carroll

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Aliens ate my Homework by Bruce Coville

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HISTORICAL FICTION

Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
The King of Mulberry Street by Donna Jo Napoli
Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Amazing Air Balloon by Jean Van Leeuwen
Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry by Margaret Taylor
The Adventures of Marco Polo by Russell Freedman
The Harmonica / Tony Johnston ; illustrated by Ron Mazellan.
Girl Wonder : A Baseball Story in Nine Innings / by Deborah Hopkinson
Freedom on the Menu by Carol Boston Weatherford
Pink & Say by Patricia Polacco
Riding Freedom, Pam Munoz Ryan
The Babe & I by David A. Adler
House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton
Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
Caleb's Story by Patricia MacLachlan
Crazy Horse's Vision by Joseph Bruchac
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis
Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Time Spies by Candice Ransome
Gingersnap by Patricia Reilly Giff
The Bracelet by Yoshiko Uchida

NONFICTION

Marley : A dog Like No Other by John Grogan
Shark Encounters by Michael Patrick O'Neill
It's Disgusting and We Ate It! By James Solheim
Down to Earth Guide to Global Warming by Lauie David
Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays by Peg Kehret
Eats, Shoots and Leaves: Why, commas do make a difference! by Lynne Truss
The American Story: 100 True Tales from American History by Jennifer Armstrong
So You Want To Be President, Judith St. George
Weird But True: 300 Outrageous Facts, by National Geographic Childrens Books
Balloons Over Broadway by Melissa Sweet
G is for Google, by David Schwartz
Short & Shivery by Robert D. SanSouci
Living Color by Steve Jenkins
Go, Go America by Dan Yaccarino
Brooklyn Bridge by Lynn Curlee



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Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller
Living Color by Steve Jenkins
Go, Go America by Dan Yaccarino
Brooklyn Bridge by Lynn Curlee
Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller
Megatooth, by Patrick O'Brien
Scary Stories books, Alvin Schwartz

POETRY

Night on Neighborhood Street / by Eloise Greenfield
A Pizza the Size of the Sun Poems by Jack Prelutsky
Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich ... by Adam Rex
Falling Up: Poems and Drawings by Shel Silverstein
Fold Me a Poem by Kristine O'Connell George
A Bad Case of the Giggles: Kids Favorite Funny Poems selected by Bruce Lansky
Beasts, Feasts and other titles by Douglas Florian
Joyful Noise, Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman
Science Verse by Jon Scieszka
Nonsense! By Lear, Edward
Flicker Flash by Joan Bransfield Graham
Meet Danitra Brown by Nikki Grimes

