

2008: "Catch the Reading Bug"



East Rochester School District

Grades 5 and 6

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

Clements, Andrew. No Talking

What will happen when the 5th grade boys challenge the 5th grade girls to go two days without talking? What starts as a peaceful quiet for the teachers becomes an eerie silence. But the students learn about the power of silence, and how it can unite them as a class.

Hahn, Mary Downing. The Old Willis Place

Diana and her little brother Georgie live in the woods behind an empty mansion, the Old Willis Place. They have strict rules they have to obey, and they never get to play with other kids. When a new caretaker arrives with his young daughter, Diana breaks the rules to make a new friend. She hopes this new friend will help her uncover a secret that has been kept for too many years. A chilling ghost story with a surprise twist.

Hale, Shannon. Book of a Thousand Days

Dashti, a maid, and her Lady Saren are locked in a tower for seven years because of Lady Saren's refusal to marry. Food runs out and two men arrive both asking for Lady Saren's hand. Dashti and Lady Saren escape from the tower to find their kingdom greatly changed and find they must travel to a distant city to begin new lives.

Hunter, Erin. Into the Wild (A Warriors book)

StarClan has made a prophecy for ThunderClan, that Fire alone can save our Clan. Four clans of wild cats have shared the forest for several generations, but ThunderClan is growing weaker. Their rival, ShadowClan is growing more dangerous, leading ThunderClan to recruit a housecat named Rusty to help strengthen their clan. Could he, being fiery colored, be the prophesized cat? This wildly popular series of books also includes Fire and Ice, and a dozen other books. Check out the website at <http://www.warriorcats.com>.

Lay, Kathryn. Crown Me

At first being crowned King and Queen of the 5th grade seems like a dream come true for Justin and Andrea. They have the power to sentence their classmates to the dungeon, or give them good positions in the royal court. Justin hopes it will help him win election as Class President. They soon find that having power leads to consequences they hadn't considered.

Lord, Cynthia. Rules

Living with a younger brother who has autism is a drag to Catherine. She's always explaining proper behavior to him. Catherine is twelve years old and her brother's behavior is sometimes embarrassing to her. One day while waiting for her brother at the clinic where he has occupational therapy she meets Jason, a boy who uses a wheelchair and can't speak. Through words written on index cards she becomes friends with Jason, and learns a lot about people who have disabilities. Rules was a 2007 Newbery Honor Book.

Mackall, Dandi Daley. Larger-Than-Life Lara

Laney narrates this story about a new girl at school - a girl who is very overweight. Even though the other kids pick on her, Lara remains confident and cheerful. Throughout preparations for the class play, Lara cheerfully helps everyone, even the kids who tease her and they are still mean to her. Filled with descriptions of what makes for good writing, this story is one that will make you think about how you treat others.

Myracle, Lauren. Eleven

This story tells of Winnie's 11th year, starting with her birthday in March and having a chapter for each month after that. Her old friend doesn't want to play imaginary games like they used to and Winnie's feeling confused. A new girl starts at their school and everyone wants to be her best friend. This is a story about the changes that friends go through when they are 11 and 12 years old.

Robinson, Sharon. Safe at Home

Jumper is a ten-year old boy who moved to Harlem after his father died. He misses everything about his old home in Connecticut, and misses his dad most of all. His mother is quiet and grieving, but his grandmother gives him strength. He signs up for baseball camp when basketball camp is full, and works hard to improve his game and to earn the respect of the team. Written by the daughter of the great Jackie Robinson.

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