



SUMMER READING 2007

CH-UH City School District

Grades 3-5

June 2007

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As summer begins, we all look forward to family activities. One of the most valuable activities that you can enjoy with your own children is to share the reading experience with them. Studies have shown that children who read during the summer will maintain and grow their reading skills. With this in mind, the District is continuing its summer reading requirement. Summer reading titles are organized around grade level themes related to Civility. Students are invited to read books from our recommended list, or choose appropriate reading materials preferably aligning to the theme attached to their grade level.

The following sub-themes will be used for specific grade level spans as follows:

- K-2: *Celebrating Differences*
- 3-5: *Caring About Others*
- 6-8: *Friendship*
- 9-12: *Making a Difference*

Students will record their reading on the Summer Reading Log. We hope everyone joins the "Dozens" Club! Automatic membership is provided to all students who can document that they have read at least twelve books from June 9th through August 27th.

Books can be found at local libraries, including the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Libraries and the Cuyahoga County Public Libraries, as well as at local bookstores. Additional copies of the book lists are available on our website at www.chuh.org. The recommended books at each grade level represent different reading levels and genres (i.e. mystery, fairy tales, tall tales, nonfiction, etc.) and are written by a selection of the best children's authors, ensuring that your child will find something that interests him/her. Additionally, students are encouraged to select appropriate books and reading materials that appeal to their interests.

In order to help your child select a book that is appropriate for independent reading, ask him or her to read a portion to you and then ask a few questions to test their understanding of what they have read. Generally, if there is difficulty reading more than *five* (5) words on a page, it may be too difficult. In addition to being a valuable educational experience, summer reading above all should be FUN for you and your child!

In the fall, teachers will follow-up on summer reading, and parents will be asked to provide feedback, including additional titles that could be added to our recommended list. The vision is that the summer reading list will be continually upgraded to include new excellent titles and authors while maintaining entrance to classic literature.

Enjoy your summer! The librarians at all the public libraries are very willing to help assist families select books. The public libraries also have wonderful summer reading programs for all readers that can extend the summer reading experience. Enrolling your child would be another fun, recommended activity that promotes reading and the love of books! We appreciate your support as we strive to develop a community of lifelong readers!



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Summer Reading Log

Name:	
School:	Grade:

I read these books that are aligned to my grade level's theme:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i># Pages</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		
11.		
12.		

Additional books I also enjoyed:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i># Pages</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		



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Stretching Ourselves: Kids with Cerebral Palsy

Alden R. Carter 3-5

The experiences of children with Cerebral palsy are highlighted by Emily and others.

Room One: A Mystery or Two Andrew Clements 3-5

Ted Hammond is the only sixth-grader in his one-room school. His singular status gives him plenty of time to pursue his passion: solving mysteries.

Any Poppy book Avi 3-5

The swashbuckling tales of life for the brave rodents and other woodland critters in the Dimwood Forest have an edge-of-seat appeal for readers of all ages.

The Kid in the Red Jacket Barbara Park 3-5

Howard's worst nightmare has come true when he is forced to move. His 6 yr. old neighbor may just ruin his life!

The Best School Year Ever Barbara Robinson 3-5

What nice things can Beth say about the class bully when she picks his name for "Compliments for Classmates?"

Any Ramona book Beverly Cleary 3-5

Ramona is a regular kid in a regular neighborhood. Get to know her and her family in these classic books.

Jennifer Murdley's Toad Bruce Coville 3-5

If no one had made Jennifer wear her brother's underwear, she probably would not have ended up with Bufo.

Dork in Disguise (and sequels) Carol Gorman 3-5

Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from "dork" to "cool kid," only to discover that he'd rather be himself.

Dragon Rider Cornelia Funke 4-5

Ben seeks to find a new home for dragons with the help of Sorrel, a Fairy and Firedrake, an adventurous dragon.

Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart Corrine Szabo 3-5

A biography, with numerous photographs and quotes from Earhart herself, tracing this determined woman's life and interest in flying.

Any Mr. Putter and Tabby book Cynthia Rylant 3-5

Find out what Mr. Putter and his cat, Tabby are up to next!

Any Upper-Grade Fiction book by this author Cynthia Rylant 3-5

Check out A Fine White Dust, Missing May, or another of this author's many classics.

Any Cam Jansen Mystery book David Adler 3-5

Can you match wits with 5th grade detective, Cam Jansen? Solve the mystery before she does.

Hidden Talents (and sequel) David Lubar 3-5

When thirteen-year-old Martin arrives at an alternative school for misfits and problem students, he falls in with a group of boys with psychic powers and discovers something surprising about himself.

Any Bailey School Kids book Debbie Dadey 3-5

Which mythical creature will the Bailey School Kids meet next?

Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt Deborah Hopkinson 3-5

A clever young slave stitches a quilt with a map pattern which guides her to freedom in the North.

Any Encyclopedia Brown Mystery book Donald Sobol 3-5

Use the clues provided to solve the mysteries along with Encyclopedia Brown and his friends.

The View From Saturday E.L. Konigsberg 3-5

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

The Hundred Dresses Elenor Estes 3-5

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.



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The Divide Elizabeth Kay 4-5

While hiking on the Continental Divide of Costa Rica, a young boy with a heart condition falls into a magical otherworld full of fantastical creatures.

Amos Fortune, Free Man Elizabeth Yates 3-5

The life of the eighteenth-century African prince who, after being captured by slave traders, was brought to Massachusetts where he was a slave until he was able to buy his freedom at the age of sixty.

How Many Days to America? Eve Bunting 3-5

A moving fictional presentation of the perilous voyage of a group of Caribbean refugees to this country.

Tar Beach Faith Ringold 3-5

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.

The Boy Who Saved Cleveland James Cross Giblin 3-4

Based on an actual historical event, a 10 yr old boy helps save early Cleveland settlers during a malaria outbreak in 1798.

Is There Really a Human Race? Jamie Lee Curtis 3-5

Starting with an Amelia Bedelia-like question and ending with some latter-day Dr. Seuss advice, this book offers insights into the human condition.

The Fledgling Jane Langton 3-5

Georgie's fondest hope, to be able to fly, is fleetingly fulfilled when she is befriended by a Canada goose.

Any Commander Toad book Jane Yolen 3-5

Commander Toad and the crew of the "Star Warts" explore many strange planets.

The Pushcart War Jean Merrill 3-5

The outbreak of a war between truck drivers and pushcart peddlers brings the mounting problems of traffic to the attention of both the city of New York and the world.

City of Ember Jeanne DuPrau 4-5

Twelve year olds Doon and Lina must find a way out of the darkness that envelops their city when the only source of energy is near an end.

Knots in My YoYo String Jerry Spinelli 3-5

Did being a kid help Jerry Spinelli become an author? You bet it did!

Any Magic School Bus book Joanna Cole 3-5

Miss Frizzle and her class learn about science during their travels on this very special bus.

Willie's Not the Hugging Kind Joyce Barrett 3-5

Willie listens to the wrong advice about hugging.

So You Want to Be President? Judith St. George 3-5

This book presents many sometimes surprising facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

Just Juice Karen Hesse 3-5

Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.

Because of Winn Dixie Kate DiCamillo 3-5

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Wilma Unlimited Kathleen Krull 3-5

A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

Mister and Me Kimberly Holt 3-5

In a small Louisiana mill town in 1940, Jolene does not want her Momma to marry the logger who is courting her, but it seems that even her most defiantly bad behavior cannot make him go away.

Any Arthur chapter book Krensky or Brown 3-5

Follow the adventures of Arthur, Buster, Muffy, and all their friends in these chapter books.



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Elephant Woman: Cynthia Moss Explores.....

Laurence Pringle 3-5

A biography of Cynthia Moss, world-renowned elephant researcher in Kenya's Amboseli National Park, illustrated with her own photographs.

Any book by this author Laurence Yep 3-5

Literature from a wide variety of genres, often with a distinct Asian-American influence.

Cornelia & The Audacious Escapades... Lesley Blume 3-5

Unhappy 11-year-old Cornelia lives in Greenwich Village, where she's cared for chiefly by household servants. When she makes friends with Virginia Somerset, the elderly woman who moves in next door, her life changes.

Barry, The Bravest St. Bernard Lynn Hall 3-5

This is the true-life story of Barry, a remarkable Saint Bernard who gained worldwide fame for rescuing more than 40 people trapped under avalanches.

Kate Shelley and The Midnight Express

Margaret K. Wetterer 3-5

An incredible storm has destroyed the bridge. Will Kate be able to stop the train in time to save the passengers?

Mom and Dad Are Palindromes Mark Shulman 3-5

Bob has a problem. He's a palindrome. In fact, once he learns what a palindrome is, he starts finding palindromes everywhere: his little sis, Nan; his pup, Otto; even his Mom and Dad!

Pay Attention, Slosh! Mark Smith 3-5

Eight-year-old Josh hates being unable to concentrate or control himself, but with the help of his parents, his teacher, and a doctor, he learns to deal with his condition, known as ADHD.

Stink the Incredible Shrinking Boy Megan McDonald 3-5

James "Stink" Moody is the shortest kid in his second-grade class. Is he shrinking?

The Gold Cadillac Mildred Taylor 3-5

Two black girls living in the North are proud of their family's beautiful new Cadillac until they take it on a visit to the South and encounter racial prejudice for the first time.

Annie and the Old One Miska Miles 3-5

Annie learns about life from her grandmother who is dying.

Melissa Parkington's Beautiful, Beautiful Hair Pat Brisson 3-5

Melissa wants to be special—not just for her hair, but for accomplishing something spectacular.

Any Amber Brown book Paula Danziger 3-5

Her life may not be perfect, but everyone can relate to this spunky heroine.

Any book by this author Phyllis Reynolds Naylor 3-5

Shiloh, Alice, and Girls vs. Boys are just a few of this author's great series.

Mrs. Frisby & The Rats of NIMH (and sequels)

Robert O'Brien/Jane Conly 3-5

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

Kate Shelley: Bound for Legend Robert San Souci 3-5

Nineteenth century American heroine, Kate Shelley, recounts how she risked her own life to rescue train wreck survivors.

Way to Go, Alex Robin Pulver 3-5

Annie's feelings for her brother, Alex, are transformed as she helps to train him for Special Olympics.

Any book by this author Rosemary Sutcliff 3-5

This author is best known for her outstanding collection of historical fiction titles.

What's So Big About Cleveland, Ohio? Sarah Holbrook 3-5

Read about Amanda who doesn't want to visit Cleveland!



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Any book by this author Sarah Stewart 3-5
Strong characters and subtle artwork define this author's poignant picture books for older readers.

Regular Guy (and sequels) Sarah Weeks 3-5
Because he is so different from his eccentric parents, twelve-year-old Guy is convinced he has been switched at birth with a classmate whose parents seem more normal.

Any book by this author Seymour Simon 3-5
Exceptional nonfiction for children from the "dean of children's science books" covering fascinating topics like snakes, the weather, and the brain.

Any book by this author Sharon Creech 3-5
Memorable adventures and characters await readers of this popular contemporary author's work.

Any poetry book by this author Shel Silverstein 3-5
These highly entertaining collections of poems and drawings are at once outrageously funny and profound.

The Giving Tree Shel Silverstein 3-5
A moving parable for readers of all ages that offers an affecting interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.

Any Berenstain Bears Big Chapter Book Stan & Jan Berenstain 3-5
Follow the adventures of Brother and Sister Bear as they learn about the world around them.

The Boggart (and sequels) Susan Cooper/Omar Rayyan 3-5
After visiting a castle in Scotland and returning home to Canada, twelve-year-old Emily finds that she has brought back with her a boggart, an invisible spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

The Trouble with Tuck Theodore Taylor 3-5
A compelling story of a girl who works to provide her blind dog with a guide dog of his own.

By My Brother's Side Tiki and Ronde Barber 3-5
Based on the childhood of NFL superstars Ronde and Tiki Barber, this inspiring book about the values of family, hard work, and determination is the story of what it takes to be a champion.

Any American Girl book Various 3-5
Learn what life might have been like in the past for different American Girls like Samantha, Addie and Josefina.

Any Dear America/My America book Various 3-5
These diaries accurately describe both important historical events and everyday life from the viewpoints of interesting, though fictional, journal writers.

Eyewitness Readers, Various Levels 1-4
Various 3-5
These nonfiction books combine informative text with bold visual images that entertain while they teach.

Her Stories Virginia Hamilton 3-5
African American women tell their tales of magic, the supernatural, and real life, while emphasizing their strength.

Amistad: A Long Road to Freedom Walter Dean Myers 3-5
Traces the 1839 revolt of Africans against their Spanish captors aboard the slave ship Amistad, their arrest for piracy and murder, and trials which ended in their acquittal by the Supreme Court.

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (and sequels) Wendelin Draanen 3-5
Sammy continues to make life with her grandmother interesting as she tries to discover who is stealing from St. Mary's church, befriends a homeless girl, and plays in a softball tournament against a bitter rival.

Gib Rides Home Zilpha K. Snyder 3-5
Despite the harsh treatment he has endured in an orphanage, eleven-year-old Gib manages to maintain his hopeful outlook when he is "farmed out" to help with the horses of a wealthy banker in 1908.