

**GRADE 5
SUMMER READING PROGRAM
SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009**

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

To students and parents: You are expected to choose and read one book from each of the three subject categories. ALL students are expected to read a total of FIVE books. You may choose two novels outside of the required list. Be prepared to discuss the novels you have read the first week of school. Please choose books that are “new” to you and are appropriate for your reading level. Enjoy your reading!

SUBJECT CATEGORIES	READING LEVEL	AUTHOR
1. LANGUAGE ARTS		
Choose any age appropriate book from authors listed.	Reluctant readers	Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary, Andrew Clements
	Average readers	Avi, E.I., Konigsburg, C.S. Lewis
	Avid readers	Lois Lowry, Gary Paulsen, Jerry Spinelli
2. SOCIAL STUDIES	BOOK TITLE	
	<i>The Double Life of Pocahontas</i>	Jean Fritz
	<i>The Sign of the Beaver</i>	Elizabeth Speare
	<i>Stealing Freedom</i>	Elisa Carbone
3. SCIENCE	Choose books from attached sheet	
Books read	TITLE	AUTHOR
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

The following books were recommended by a select committee at the National Science Teachers Association for 2008. The selections vary in readability from elementary to middle school levels. Some are available at the Harford County Library, the others can be purchased from Amazon.com in both new and used versions. All are worth reading.

Available at Harford County Library...

1. Dinosaurs: The Most Complete Up-to-Date Encyclopedia for Dinosaur Lovers of All Ages
Thomas R. Holtz, Jr.
2. Dinosaur Eggs Discovered! Unscrambling the Clues
Lowell Dingus
3. SuperCroc: Paul Sereno's Dinosaur Eater
Sereno & Natalie Lunis
4. Isaac Newton: The Scientist Who Changed Everything
Philip Steele
5. Giants of Science: Marie Curie
Kathleen Krull
6. Close to the Wind: The Beaufort Scale
Peter Malone
7. The Breast Cancer Update
Alvin, Virginia, and Laura Silverstein
8. Being Caribou: Five Months on Foot With a Caribou Herd
Karsten Heuer
9. Rockets
Ron Miller

Available at Amazon.com

1. The Discovery and Mystery of a Dinosaur Named Jane
Judith Williams
New - \$13.26 Used - from \$12.60
2. Giant Sea Reptiles of the Dinosaur Age
Caroline Arnold
New - \$13.09 Used - \$0.87
3. Tycho Brahe: Pioneer of Astronomy
Don Nardo
New - 26.30 Used - \$21.85
4. Map: Satellite
DK Publishing
New - \$26.40 Used - \$19.99

5. Over the Mountains: An Aerial View of Geology
Michael Collier
New - \$19.77 Used - \$17.04
6. Belly-Busting Worm Invasions! Parasites That Love Your Tissues
Thomasine E. Lewis Tilden
New - \$7.95 Used - \$3.92
7. Adaptation
Alvin Silverstein
New - \$31.93 Used - \$28.44
8. Box Turtles
Lynn M. Stone
Used - \$8.00
9. Face to Face With Caterpillars
Darlyne A. Murawski
New - \$25.90 Used - \$12.79
10. It's a Butterfly's Life
Irene Kelly
New - \$13.22 Used - \$8.95
11. Octopuses
Sandra Markle
New - \$7.95 Used - \$3.93
12. The Ultimate Weapon: The Race to Develop the Atomic Bomb
Edward T. Sullivan
New - \$18.96 Used - \$9.94

THE LEXILE FRAMEWORK FOR READING: (Information to assist with summer reading choices)

What is the Lexile Framework?

- The Lexile Framework for reading is an assessment tool used from the results of the Stanford Achievement test used by SMS. Lexiles measure both the reading level of a particular book, and the reading ability of a particular student, in order to better predict how a book matches a student's reading ability and comprehension.
- The Lexile scale ranges from 200L for beginning readers to 1700L for advanced readers. These ranges to NOT translate exactly to a specific grade level.
- The GOAL is to identify books that are not too difficult to be frustrating, but difficult enough to encourage reading progress.

How do I know my child's Lexile score?

- Students in grades three through eight will have their Lexile score listed on the Stanford Achievement Test Student Report in the left hand section of the report.
- Students should be reading books in their Lexile range to improve their reading comprehension.

How can I find a book's Lexile score?

- The website www.lexile.com is a resource for parents and students to help identify a book's Lexile.
- The Harford County Public Library has a database called *NoveList K-8: Your Guide to Fiction*. It allows users to limit book searches by Lexile range.

(Information obtained from Lexile.com, the Stanford Achievement Test Series, and the Harford County Public Library)