

Pope John Paul II
SUMMER READING 2010

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

Reading with your child is essential to prepare him/her for Kindergarten. The following is a list of suggested titles to enjoy with your child.

***Black? White! Day? Night!: a Book of Opposites* - Laura Vaccaro Seeger** Through a series of ingenious die-cut pages, the reader discovers that things are not always what they seem. **ALA Notable Book**

***Eating the Alphabet* – Lois Ehlert** An alphabetical tour of the world of fruits and vegetables, from apricot and artchoke to yam and zucchini.

***Can You Count 10 Toes?* - Lezlie Evans** Counting book you can learn to count in ten different languages: Spanish, French, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Russian, Hindi, Hebrew, and even Zulu!

***Centipede's 100 Shoes* - Tony Ross** But when are one hundred shoes too many shoes? And what do you do with too many shoes? Why, you give them away! Find out who gets them in this delightfully silly story about a centipede with sore feet.

***Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* - Doreen Cronin** Things really get out of hand when the cows began airing their grievances. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Cucumber Soup* - Vickie Leigh Krudwig** All the insects in the garden, from ten little black ants down to one tiny flea, get involved in moving a fallen cucumber. Includes a recipe for cucumber soup and factual information about the insects in the story.

***Here Comes Mother Goose* - Iona Opie**; illustrated by Rosemary Wells An entire procession of best-loved nursery rhyme characters, including Mary Mary Quite Contrary, Simple Simon, Old Mother Hubbard, Little Tommy Tucker, the Queen of Hearts, and others.

***The House in the Night* - Susan Swanson** Richly detailed black-and-white scratchboard illustrations expand this timeless bedtime verse, offering reassurance to young children that there is always light in the darkness. Beth Krommes' elegant line, illuminated with touches of golden watercolor, evoke the warmth and comfort of home and family, as well as the joys of exploring the wider world. **Caldecott Medal Book**

***The Kissing Hand* - Audrey Penn** The story of little Chester the raccoon, his fear of going away to school, and how his mom gives him a kissing hand so he'll know her love is with him is a priceless story.

***Kitten's First Full Moon* - Kevin Henkes** What a night! The moon is full. Kitten is hungry and inquisitive and brave and fast and persistent and unlucky... then lucky! **Caldecott Medal Book**

***Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* - Joseph Slate** Any child made anxious by the first day of kindergarten should find great comfort in this book's two parallel stories: 26 young animals from an alligator named Adam to a zebra named Zach get ready for their first day of school, while a teacher named Miss Bindergarten is hard at work preparing herself and her classroom for their arrival.

***Quilt Counting* Lesa Cline-Ransome** Come inside and join the quilting fun! Count from 1 to 10 as a child helps her mother and her grandmother gather materials for a special creative project-including 4 scissors, 6 tape measures, and 8 baskets of cloth.

ENTERING FIRST GRADE

It is important for children to keep an interest in reading during the summer months. Reading helps the children with their vocabulary, improves comprehension and strengthens their reading fluency. The following list is a suggested reading list for the summer months.

***A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* - Marla Frazee** When James and Eamon go to a week of Nature Camp and stay at Eamon's grandparents' house, it turns out that their free time spent staying inside, eating waffles, and playing video games is *way* more interesting than nature. **Caldecott Honor Book**

***Froggy Goes to Camp* - Jonathan London** Froggy packs a lot into one week: hikes and archery lessons, K.P. and food fights, scary stories and funny songs around the campfire. But only Froggy could also manage to lose his trunks during swim class and overturn his kayak with the camp director in it. Lovable, bumbling Froggy will keep his many fans laughing with his latest antics.

***Henry Hikes to Fitchburg* - D. B. Johnson** While his friend works hard to earn the train fare to Fitchburg, a bear, modeled on a young Henry Thoreau, walks the thirty miles through woods and fields, enjoying nature and the time to think great thoughts.

***Max Found Two Sticks* - Brian Pinkney** On a day when Max doesn't feel like talking to anyone, a strong breeze shakes two heavy twigs to the ground in front of his brownstone home. Picking them up, the young African-American boy begins to beat out a rhythm that imitates the sound of pigeons startled into flight.

***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* - Mo Willems** On the title page the bus driver addresses the reader directly. He says that he has to be gone for a while and asks if the reader can watch things, but not to let the pigeon drive the bus. **Caldecott Honor Book**
***Ella Sarah Gets Dressed* - Margaret Chodos-Irvine** Ella Sarah may be little, but she has a BIG sense of style--and it isn't at all like that of her mother, father, and older sister.

***What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* - Robin Page and Steve Jenkins** Children will learn that lizards can completely break off their tail as a defense and that it will grow back. And, they'll find out that crickets' ears are on their knees. Most fish have two eyes, but some have four, the better to see above and below the water at the same time.
Caldecott Honor Book.

ENTERING SECOND GRADE Summer Reading List

It is important for children to keep an interest in reading during the summer months. Reading helps the children with their vocabulary, improves comprehension and strengthens their reading fluency.

Children are required to read 2 books from this list. They may pick whichever two they would like.

Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream - **Cindy Neuschwander** The advantages of multiplication are introduced in a simple story about an African-American girl who loves to count things, both in and out of school, but is unsure how multiplication will speed up the process. After counting the tiles on the kitchen counter and the books on the library shelves, she falls asleep and begins to dream of a calm bike ride in the country.

Grandfather's Journey - **Allen Say** Say explores familiar themes of cultural connection and disconnection. He focuses on his mother Masako, or May, as she prefers to be called, who, after graduating from high school in California, unwillingly moves with her parents to their native Japan. **Caldecott Medal Book**

Henry And Mudge First Book - **Cynthia Rylant** Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge..

Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride - **Marjorie Priceman** The first "manned" hot-air balloon is about to take off! But what are those noises coming from the basket? **Caldecott Medal Book**

Junie B., First Grader – **Barbara Park** A first-grade little girl manages to get herself into and out of all kinds of trouble. These are early chapter books suitable for reading grade level 2.0.

Jigsaw Jones Mystery Series - **James Preller** Jigsaw and his classroom friends have fun trying to solve mysteries. These are chapter books on a reading level of 2.8.

Puppy Place Series – Ellen Miles Children learn that taking care of an animal can be a full-time job. These are chapter books with a reading level of 2.5.

Amelia Bedelia Series – Peggy Parrish This an *I Can Read Book* with a reading level of 1.5. In this series Amelia Bedelia finds herself in all sorts of hilarious situations and misadventures.

PJPII GRADE THREE SUMMER READING

It is important for children to keep an interest in reading during the summer months. Reading helps the children with their sight vocabulary, increases their usable vocabulary, improves comprehension and strengthens their reading fluency.

1. Your child is **required** to read **How to Be Cool in Third Grade** by Betsy Duffey and **complete** the **summer reading book report**.
2. Please have your child read a **second book** and be ready to **discuss** it with their classmates upon returning to school. The second book choices are:

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Donald J. Sobol

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

3. Suggestions for additional reading can be found below.

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective - Donald J. Sobol Ten-year-old Leroy (nicknamed "Encyclopedia") Brown always manages to solve his father's cases at the dinner table, so he decides to pen his own detective agency.

Fables - Arnold Lobel Twenty original fables about an array of animal characters from crocodile to ostrich. **Caldecott Medal Book**
The Faithful Friend - Robert D. San Souci A retelling of the traditional tale from the French West Indies in which two friends, Clement and Hippolyte, encounter love, zombies, and danger on the island of Martinique. **Caldecott Honor Book and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book**

How to Be Cool in the Third Grade - Betsy Duffey When Robbie York is marked as a target by a bully at school, he decides that the only way to survive the third grade is by being cool.

I and You and Don't Forget Who: What Is a Pronoun? - Brian P. Cleary This book tells a story in rhyme, using different types of pronouns, leading children to become more apt to remember what pronouns are.

I Was a Third Grade Science Project - Mary Jane Auch Josh and his best friend, Brian, the class brain, team up for their science project. While Josh takes a passive interest in it, Brian comes up with the idea of hypnotizing his dog, Arful, into thinking he's a cat.

Math For All Seasons - Greg Tang Fun math riddles that will help you stretch your mind. Rhyming verses, clues, and twists to help you quickly solve math problems. Learn clever tricks for counting throughout the year.

Pink and Say - Patricia Polacco This heart-wrenching historical picture book, based on a true story, presents us with two men from the Union army who meet after a battle of the **Civil War**. Say, the white younger man, has been wounded. Pink, a black man, carries him home to where his mother is surviving in ruins of a deserted plantation.

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 - Beverly Cleary Ramona Quimby, one of the most loved characters in children's fiction, has now reached third grade. At school, she acquires a new teacher, Mrs. Whaley, who addresses the class as "you guys." **Newbery Honor Book**

Snowflake Bentley - Jacqueline Briggs Martin A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations. **Caldecott Medal Book**

Grandfather's Journey - Allen Say . The story, *Grandfather's Journey*, is about a young man who leaves his homeland in Japan to travel to America. He falls in love with the country and its beautiful sights. When he begins to miss his homeland, he decides to travel back to Japan to see all the beautiful sights he has missed and to marry his sweetheart.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters - John Steptoe A long time ago, in a certain place in Africa, a small village lay across a river and half a day's journey from a city with his two daughter, who were called Manyara and Nyasha. **Caldecott Honor Book**

Young Thomas Edison - Michael Dooling Includes bibliographical references. Presents a short illustrated biography of inventor Thomas Edison, and chronicles his childhood and early interest in science, as well as his many inventions.

Name _____ Due Date Monday, 9/13/10

SUMMER READING BOOK REPORT FORM

Grade 3 (incoming third grade)

Title: _____ /5 pts.

Author: _____ /5 pts.

Please answer in **complete sentences**.

Setting: _____ /5 pts.

When does the story takes place? _____

Where does the story take place? _____

Main Characters: _____ /5 pts.

Sequence of Events:

___/5 pts.

The story begins with:

1. _____

The events in the story are:

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

The story ends:

5. _____

Responses:

___/5 pts.

I learned that _____

I really liked _____

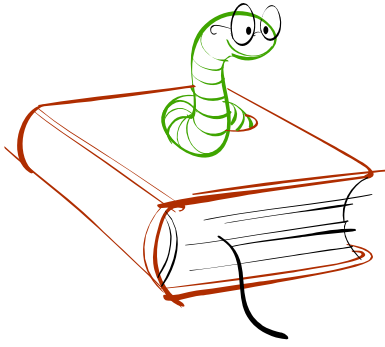
I didn't like it when _____

I would/would not recommend this book because _____

___/30 pts.

Letter Grade _____

SUMMER READING LIST FOR
ENTERING FOURTH GRADE



Since reading is a skill that requires practice, the summer is a great time to encourage children to read and prevent “summer reading” loss. It also helps provide an opportunity to improve comprehension, vocabulary and writing skills.

Over the summer, all students entering fourth grade are required to read (1) **one book** from the suggested titles and complete the “How Does It Measure Up” Book Report Form. We also encourage students to pick several other titles from this list to read at their leisure.

- ❑ ***Adventures of Vin Fiz* - Olive Cussler** Ten year old twins, Casey and Lacey fly an enchanted plane across the United States and have several adventures along the way.
- ❑ ***Arthur For the Very First Time* - Patricia MacLachlan** Arthur spends a summer with his unconventional aunt and uncle and begins to look at life, his family and himself differently.
- ❑ ***Balls* - Michael J. Rosen** All about basketball, soccer, football, tennis, handball, golf, volleyball, and ping pong balls.
- ❑ ***Shiloh* - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor** Nothing is simple in this taut, unforgettable drama. This is an edge-of-the-seat story of a boy going up against a really scary mean man to protect an abused dog. **Newbery Medal Book**
- ❑ ***Class Clown* - Joanna Hurwitz** Lucas Ott, the most courageous boy in the class, finds it hard to turn over a new leaf when he decides to become a perfect student.
- ❑ ***Game 1 Porkopolis Barnstormers* - Phil Bildner** In the late 1800’s a baseball with strange powers belonging to their late father works wonders for the three children and a traveling baseball team which must raise \$10,000.
- ❑ ***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*- Eleanor Coerr** Based on a true story set in World War II Japan, Sadako attempts to carry out the legend that the crafting of 1,000 paper cranes would heal her disease. Young readers learn indelible lessons that will stay with them for life. *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* is a stunning portrait of life, death and the power of courage.
- ❑ ***Homework Machine* - Dan Gutman** Four fifth grade students each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

SUMMER READING LIST FOR
ENTERING FOURTH GRADE

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- ❑ ***Kingfisher Young People's Book of Oceans* - David Lambert** Presents information about the world oceans, how they were formed, tides, waves and coasts.

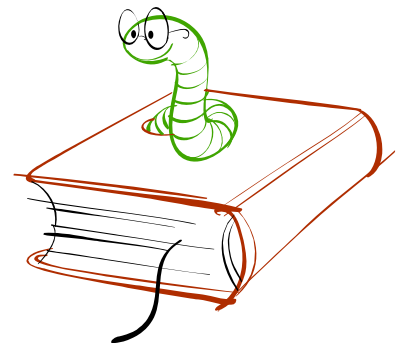
- ❑ ***Lemonade War* - Jacqueline Davies** Evan and his younger sister Jesse react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

- ❑ ***Many Rides Of Paul Revere* - James Cross Giblin** Paul Revere had a wide range of activities: Besides being a rider for the Revolution, he was a famed silversmith, engraved cartoons and paper money, and practiced dentistry. He was an early American manufacturer, and his silver business is still thriving today. **James Madison Book Award**

- ❑ ***Mr. Chickee's Funny Money* - Christopher Curtis** Steven Carter, his friend Russell and Zoopy the dog, members of the Flint Future Detective Club, investigate a suspicious quadrillion dollar bill given to him by Mr. Chickee while evading agent Fondoo.

- ❑ ***The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* - Peter Sís** Imagine a life where you could only draw what the government said you could draw. A life where you couldn't listen to music or read books of your own choice, you couldn't grow your hair long, and you were asked to report your parents if they said anything negative about the government. **Caldecott Honor and The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award**

- ❑ ***Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme: Poems* - Selected by Jack Prelusky** Presents a collection and incomplete illustrated poems that encourage children to write. **(This book may not be used to complete the book report form)**



How Does It "Measure" Up?



Super

Great

Very

Above
Average

Average

Below

Bad

Awful

Worst

Name: _____ # _____

I've just finished reading the book entitled: _____

by author(s): _____

(Use the back of this page if more room is needed)

I gave this book a _____ rating because:

2. The thing I liked best about the story was:

The thing I didn't like about the book was:

4. If I could have changed something in the story, it would have been:

Rate the Book you chose by coloring the ruled scale on right side of this sheet.

ENTERING FIFTH GRADE

Incoming fifth graders are invited to read at least one required reading book (titles with ***) and two other books from this list:

The 39 Clues (The Maze of Bones, Book 1) - Rick Riordan The premise of the book: Grace Cahill, matriarch of the world's most powerful family, dies and leaves behind a challenge to her descendants. They can either inherit one million dollars, or forgo the money and receive the first of 39 clues that will lead them on an around-the-world adventure in search of, well, that's a secret. There are 10 books planned for the series (each by a different author).

Built To Last - George Sullivan America's engineering feats from coast to coast, starting with the Erie Canal, to the Brooklyn Bridge, transcontinental Railroad, Empire State Building, Hoover Dam, Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Sears Tower, and present day Big Dig. Panoramic two page photographs of these engineering marvels. (Illustrated chapter book)

Everything on a Waffle - Polly Horvath Eleven-year-old Primrose is having a difficult time. Her parents have been lost at sea, but she knows --- somewhere, deep inside herself --- that they are still alive.

Lincoln: A Photobiography - Russell Freedman From beginning to end, Abraham Lincoln's life was full of grit, drama and glory. From his hardscrabble beginnings though perhaps the most heartrending trauma this country has ever known. **Newbery Medal Book**

******My Side of the Mountain - Jean Craighead George*** Young Sam Gibley gets to the end of the block and keeps going--all the way to the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There he sets up house in a huge hollowed-out tree, with a falcon and a weasel for companions and his wits as his tool for survival. **Newbery Honor Book**

******The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Two Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy - Jeanne Birdsall*** This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. Soon they are busy discovering the summertime magic of Arundel's sprawling gardens, treasure-filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts. **National Book Award for Young People's Literature**

Quilt of States: Piecing Together America - Adrienne Yorinks Quilt maps of all 50 states, and the story of statehood for each one, starting with the first state, Delaware, through the thirteen colonies, to the 50th state, Hawaii. Plus, fun facts about each state.

Rules - Cynthia Lord Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic. **Newbery Honor Book**

Entering 5th grade continued

***The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs* - Betty G. Birney** When Eben McAllister reads about the Seven Wonders of the World, he longs to escape the small farming community of Sassafras Springs and do some exploring of his own. **Bank Street Best Books of the Year**

******The Westing Game* - Ellen Raskin** An assortment of people are brought to an apartment house, then told they are heirs to the Westing Estate, but must solve the mystery of his murder first, by working in pairs and putting together an odd assortment of clues. **Newbery Medal Book**

***Whittington* - Alan Armstrong** Bernie keeps a barn full of animals the rest of the world has no use for—two retired trotters, a rooster, some banty hens, and a Muscovy duck with clipped wings who calls herself The Lady. When the cat called Whittington shows up one day, it is to the Lady that he makes an appeal to secure a place in the barn. **Newbery Honor Book**

SIXTH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

All students entering sixth grade are required to read two books from the REQUIRED READINGS and one book from the SUGGESTED READINGS below

Required Readings – Please read 2 of the required readings below:

Bat 6 - Virginia Euwer Wolff Two sixth-grade girls are on a collision course as their softball teams get ready for the fiftieth anniversary game in 1949 between two neighboring Oregon towns.

Belle Prater's Boy - Ruth White There's a mystery at the heart of this lyrical novel for young adults: what really happened to Belle Prater, the aunt of 12-year-old Gypsy Arbutus Leemaster? When Gypsy's cousin, Belle's son Woodrow, comes to live in tiny Coal Station, Virginia, he sets off a chain of events that precipitates a solution to this enigma, as well as the mystery of Gypsy's own father's death seven years earlier. **Newbery Honor Book**

Elijah of Buxton - Christopher Paul Curtis Eleven-year-old Elijah lives in Buxton, Canada, a settlement of runaway slaves near the American border. He's the first child in town to be born free, and he ought to be famous just for that. Unfortunately, all that most people see is a "fra-gile" boy who's scared of snakes and talks too much. **Newbery Honor Book**

The Sign of the Beaver - Elizabeth George Speare Twelve-year old Matt is trying his best to survive on his own until his father returns to their cabin in the Maine wilderness with the rest of the family. Matt develops a deep friendship with a Native American boy. Matt must decide if he should continue waiting for his family or begin a new life with his friend. **Newbery Honor Book**

Suggested Readings: Please read one of the following books:

Chicken Boy - Frances O'Roark Dowell Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place.

The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm - Nancy Farmer In Zimbabwe in the year 2194, the military ruler's 13-year-old son and his younger brother and sister leave their technologically over controlled home and find themselves on a series of perilous adventures. **Newbery Honor Book**

Indian Chiefs - Russell Freeman The story of six Native American chiefs who led their people in a historic moment of crisis as the pioneers migrated west.

Listen! - Stephanie S. Tolan Charley's mother died just a short time ago, and, still raw with grief, the 12-year-old is faced with a miserable summer recuperating from a car accident that has left her with a slowly healing leg. Her best friend is spending the summer at tennis camp, and her father has buried himself in work because of his own pain. **Christopher Award Book**

Math Smart Junior: Grade School Math Made Easy - Marcia Lerner Written by the author of the award-winning adult version of Math Smart, this fun and useful guide includes quizzes, drills, and a glossary of terms and concepts

Native American Doctor - Jeri Ferris The biography of the beautiful young Omaha woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school and open her practice to Indian and non-Indian alike.

Undying Glory - Clinton Cox The story of the courageous men of the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts, who fought as Union soldiers to free their brothers and sisters from slavery. Black and white archival photographs bring the "glory" regiment to life.

Summer Reading List Entering Seventh Grade

Three books are required for summer reading

You must read at least ONE of the starred(**) books plus TWO other titles from the list below.

****Fever, 1793 – Laurie Halse Anderson** In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

****Esperanza Rising – Pam Munoz Ryan** Told in a lyrical, fairy tale - like style, Ryan's (riding Freedom) robust novel set in 1930 captures a Mexican girl's fall from riches, her immigration to California and her growing awareness of class and ethnic tensions.

****The Wednesday Wars – Gary D. Schmidt** In *The Wednesday Wars*, seventh-grader, Holling Hoodhood, is convinced his teacher hates him. Through their Wednesday afternoon Shakespeare sessions she helps him cope with events both wildly funny and deadly serious. **Newbery Honor Book**

Blood on the River: James Town 1608 - Elisa Lynn Carbone Samuel Collier travels to the new colony of James Town as a page to Captain John Smith. He quickly learns to distinguish between friend and foe.

Ender's Game - Orson Scott Card A veteran of years of simulated war games, Ender believes he is engaged in one more computer war game when in truth he is commanding the last fleet of Earth against an alien race seeking the complete destruction of Earth.

The Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan It would seem that Percy Jackson is just another New York kid diagnosed with ADHD, who has good intentions, a nasty stepfather, and a long line of schools that have rejected him. The revelation of his status as half-blood offspring of one of the Greek gods is nicely packaged, and it's easy to believe that Mount Olympus, in modern times, has migrated to the 600th floor of the Empire State Building while the door to Hades can be found at DOA Recording Studio, somewhere in LA.

George Washington, Spymaster: How America Out Spied The British And Won The Revolutionary War - Thomas B. Allen A biography of Revolutionary War general and first President of the United States, George Washington, focusing on his use of spies to gather intelligence that helped the colonies win the war.

Joey Pigza Loses Control - Jack Gantos This sequel to *JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY* continues the story of Joey, a boy with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder: he's totally wired unless he takes his medicine. **Newbery Honor Book**

***The Year of the Hangman* – Gary Blackwood** What would have happened if we had lost the Revolutionary War? Jail escapes, duels, and code breaking add to this alternative view of history.

***Stargirl* – Jerry Spinelli** Stargirl is not like other people at Mica High. She wears weird clothes. She dances in the rain. She plays a ukulele. She captures Leo's heart. The other students think she is too different. They think everyone should be the same. Even Leo wishes Stargirl could be more normal. Can Stargirl change or will the students accept her for who she is?

***Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* - Gary Schmidt** Turner, the rigid minister's son, doesn't fit in when his family moves from Boston to the small town of Phippsburg on the coast of Maine in 1912. It's not only that Maine baseball is different from the game he knows; he's just plain miserable. **Newbery Honor Book**

***Julia of the Wolves* – Jean Craighead George** Faced with the prospect of a disagreeable arranged marriage or a journey across the barren Alaskan tundra, 13-year-old Miyax chooses the tundra. She finds herself caught between the traditional Eskimo ways and the modern ways of the whites. Miyax, or Julie as her pen pal Amy calls her, sets out alone to visit Amy in San Francisco, a world far away from Eskimo culture and the frozen land of Alaska **Newbery Award Book**

ENTERING EIGHTH GRADE

The following is the required reading for students entering eighth grade:

****Code Talker - Joseph Bruchac** After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. ALA Notable Children's Book

Please read two (2) of the following five books as well as the required reading above.

***The Case Against My Brother* - Libby Sternberg** Brother taking care of brother, but in this case the roles reverse as the plot unfolds when Carl, the fifteen-year old, takes on the chore of looking after his seventeen-year old brother, Adam.

***Down The Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery* - Jordan Sonnenblick** Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her home town of Echo Falls.

***Code Orange* - Caroline B Cooney** While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

***Kids At Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor* - Russell Freedman** Briefly traces the life of Lewis Hine, school teacher and photographer, and explains how he became involved in documenting child labor conditions.

***Niner* - Theresa Martin Golding** When twelve-year-old Macey discovers a locket on her front steps, she begins a journey to find out about who she really is and why her adoptive mother has been gone for almost a year.