

Dear Family,

Reading is an important part of everyday life. Just because it's summer, students shouldn't put their books away! Brockton Public Schools invite you and your family to participate in our Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Don't Stop Reading."

The importance of summer reading cannot be over emphasized. Educational researchers note that some children's reading levels dropped as much as two grades when students did not read regularly over the summer months. It's really simple: the more students read, the better readers they become. Though only one book is required for summer reading, we hope that your child reads many more. Your support is a critical part of the Summer Reading Program.

Students entering grades 3,4 and 5 are required to read at least **one** book from the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework Recommended Authors List, the Optional Titles List or students may also choose to read a book of their choice. As a parent or guardian, you may choose a book to be read together.

Students will list books they have read on the Reading Log and complete a Reading Response Form for any one book. Extra forms will be available at all branches of the Brockton Public Library and on the Brockton Public Schools' website: www.bpsma.org

In September, students will have conversations centering on their summer reading. Students will return Reading Logs and Reading Response forms to school and participate in school celebrations planned at each building.

We hope you and your family "don't stop reading" this summer and reap all of the wonderful benefits that reading has to offer.

Sincerely,

Matthew H. Malone Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Brockton Public Library Summer Schedule

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
LIBRARY FOR SUMMER HOURS OF
OPERATION OR CHECK ONLINE AT
www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org**

Main Library
304 Main Street
508.580.7890

East Branch
54 Kingman Street
508.580.7892

West Branch
540 Forest Avenue
508.580.7894

Brockton Public Schools

Summer Reading Program

"Don't Stop Reading"

2010



**Program Guide for
Students Entering
Grades 3-5**

**Recommended Authors & Illustrators
from the
Massachusetts Curriculum Framework**

Joan Aiken
Lynne Reid Banks
Raymond Bial
Judy Blume
Eve Bunting
Joseph Bruchac
Beverly Cleary
Elizabeth Coatsworth
Eleanor Coerr
Mary Mapes Dodge
Elizabeth Enright
Eleanor Estes
Jean Fritz
Jean George
James Gribbin
Patricia Reilly Giff
Kenneth Grahame
Langston Hughes
Johanna Hurwitz
Patricia Lauber
Julius Lester
David Macaulay
Sterling North
Howard Pyle
J.K.Rowling
Carl Sandburg
Alvin Schwartz
George Selden
Louis Slobodkin
Mildred Taylor
Ann Warren Turner
E. B. White
Laura Ingalls Wilder

**Brockton Public Schools
Summer Reading Program 2010**



Recommended websites for parents:

Scholastic Parent Website
<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/parentsHome.jsp>

U.S. Dept. of Education – Reading Tips for Parents
www.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/readingtips/index.html

**Optional Titles Available at
Public Libraries**

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 3

- *Cam Jansen Series*- David Adler
- *The Chalk Box Kid* - Clyde Robert Bulla
- *The Magic Schoolbus Series* - Joanna Cole

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 4

- *Little House on the Prairie Series* - Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Souder* - William Armstrong
- *Teammates* - Peter Golenbock

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 5

- *And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?* - Jean Fritz
- *The Tale of Despereaux* - Kate DiCamillo
- *The Pinballs* - Betsy Byars

**Or you may also read...
A book of your choice!**