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Dear Parents,

The face of summer reading will look a little different this year. The teachers will not require students to read specific books but allow them to choose what they are interested in. It is required however, that each child read at least 25 minutes daily. In order to teach accountability, they will be required to complete a reading log and bring it with them on the first day of school. They may also want to reflect during/following their reading sessions via a notebook. Focusing on comprehension, your child should voice any connections, predictions, questions they have as well as any comments describing why they are enjoying/not enjoying the book.

Our goals for our summer reading program are:

- To promote the enjoyment and motivation for reading
- To encourage students to develop into life long learners who read, write and think daily
- To support student's skills in selecting age appropriate books and other reading materials
- To strengthen family literacy practices and sharing of books
- To curb summer reading loss

Attached, you will find a reading list for grades 3-5 which should help you select books. This book list is also available on our AMS web site at: (americanmartyrsschool.org). Having this on-line will make it easier to access while on vacation. Please feel free to pick additional books of interest to your child.

You can help your child enjoy books by having them read out loud, read together, having periodicals available for them, forming book clubs, visiting the public library, and discussing the contents of the book. Have

a terrific summer and **read...read...read!!!**

Sincerely, *Joe Clapp*

SUMMER READING BOOKS - Grades 3-4-5

Non-Fiction (NF)
Biographies (B)
Books in a Series (BS)
Fiction – Realistic Fiction (RF)
Mystery (M)
Fantasy (F)
Science Fiction (SF)
** Kid Picks*

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Non-Fiction/Biographies

Various animal and prehistoric animal books – Caroline Arnold
Biographies of various people – Robert Burleigh
Various science experiment books – Vicki Cobb
Various books on monuments, buildings, and bridges – Lynn Curlee
Biographies of various people – Demi
Biographies of various people – Kathleen Krull
Animal Predators, Animal Scavenger – Sandra Markle
Biographies of various people – Diane Stanley
Artists in Their Time (various authors including Robert Anderson, Jen Green, Jill A. Laidlaw)
History books and books on Native Americans – Raymond Bial
History books and biographies of various people – Russell Freedman
Biographies of various people and books on history – Jean Fritz
Lives of the...books – Kathleen Krull
Books on buildings and other subjects – David Macaulay
Various books on history and disasters – Jim Murphy
Photobiography books – National Geographic
Books on women in politics and science.

Books In a Series

The Saturdays and other Melendy Family books – Elizabeth Enright
Spiderwick Chronicles – Tony DiTerlizzi
Millicent Min, Girl Genius and other books in series – Lisa Yee
Devil's Donkey, and other Coven Tree books – Bill Brittan
Gideon the Cutpurse (Gideon Trilogy) – Linda Buckley-Archer
The Lightning Thief and other Percy Jackson books – Rick Riordan*
Doll People books by Ann Martin*
Bunnicula Books – James Howe
Rowan books – Emily Rodda
Edge Chronicle Books – Paul Stewart*
Wolves of Willoughby Chase, and other books in the Wolves Chronicles – Joan Aiken
The Book of Three and other Prydian books – Lloyd Alexander
Vesper Holly books – Lloyd Alexander
Gilda Joyce books – Jennifer Allision
Lost Years of Merlin Books – T. A. Barron
Shakespeare Stealer books – Gary Blackwood

Greene Knowe Books – Lucy Boston
Diana Wynne Jones books
The Diamond in the Window, and other Hall Family Chronicle books – Jane Langton*
The Squire books – Gerald Morris
The Bartimaeus Trilogy – Jonathan Stroud

Realistic Fiction

The Giant Rat of Sumatra: Or, Pirates Galore– Sid Fleischman
Julie of the Wolves and other Julie books – Jean Craighead George
My Side of the Mountain books - – Jean Craighead George*
The Twenty-One Balloons – William Pene Du Bois
Little House books – Laura Ingalls Wilder
Shiloh books – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
A Long Way from Chicago, and A Year Down Yonder – Richard Peck
Baseball in April and Other Stories – Gary Soto*
Clementine books – Books – Sara Pennypacker
Anastasia Krupnik books – Lois Lowry*
Project Mulberry: a Novel – Linda Sue Park
Homeless Bird – Gloria Whelan

Mystery/Adventure

Hatchet – Gary Paulsen
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – E. L. Konigsburg*
Tom’s Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce
The Wednesday Wars – Gary D. Schmidt
The Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz*

Fantasy

Sea of Trolls and Land of the Silver Apples – Nancy Farmer
Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo*
Story of a Seagull and the Cat who Taught Her to Fly – Luis Sepulveda
The Borrowers books – Mary Norton
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH – Robert C. O’Brien
City of Ember books – Jeanne DuPrau*
The Prince of the Pond – Donna Jo Napoli*
The Rootabaga Stories – Carl Sandburg
Story of a Seagull and the Cat who Taught Her to Fly – Luis Sepulveda
Skellig- David Almond
Artemis Fowl books – Eoin Colfer
Dark is Rising books – Susan Cooper
Donuthead books- Susan Stauffacher
The Mysterious Benedict Society books – Trenton Lee Stewart *

Science Fiction

Time Warp Trio Books – Jon Scieszka
White Mountains and other Tripod books – John Christopher

Student Supply List for 5A + 5B

Utensils

- 10 #2 pencils (5 mechanical and 5 traditional)
- 6 erasable red correcting pens
- 6 erasable blue or black pens
- 3 highlighters
- 1 set of thin whiteboard markers (non-overhead)

Erasers

- Whiteboard eraser
- 6 pencil erasers

Language Arts

- 1 three-ring binder
- 1 three-subject notebook with holes (spelling/grammar/vocabulary)
- 5 dividers (DO NOT LABEL YET)
- 1 ream, reinforced loose-leaf notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 2 composition books (one reading/ one writing)
- 3 post-it packets (2x2)
- 1 spiral-bound one-subject notebook

Science Social Studies

- 2 Two-subject notebooks w/pockets
- 2 sets of index cards (one 3x5; one 5x7)

Math

- 1 spiral-bound one-subject notebook (100 page count)

Odds and Ends

- 1 large pencil bag large enough to hold art supplies
 - colored pencils
 - colored markers
 - glue sticks (3)
 - scissors
- 1 ruler (metric and standard)
- 4 large book covers
- Replaceable lead
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 boxes of wet-wipes (1 disinfectant and 1 hand/face)
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 accordion style portfolio (at least 12 compartments)



Spanish

One three ring binder with pockets - 1 1/2 or 2 inch

4 dividers, labeled: Tarea, cultura, vocabulario, notas

A pencil pouch with three holes

1 red, 1 blue or black pen, 1 pencil and 10 pages of ruled paper

P.E.

1 Folder with regular loose-leaf paper (no notebooks/binders)