

STUDENTS ENTERING GARFIELD GRADE 6

Fiction (Choose One)

Smart Dog (Vande Velde) - Amy meets a talking dog who is on the run from a research lab. Can she protect him from the researchers who want to use him for an experiment?

A Week in the Woods (Clemens) - The fifth grade annual camping trip in the woods of New Hampshire tests Mark's survival skills as well as his ability to relate to his science teacher.

The Same Stuff as Stars (Patterson) - Angel Morgan's family is falling apart: her father is in jail and her mother has abandoned her and her brother Bernie. But she gains inspiration from the lessons she learns from the stars, planets, constellations, and a mysterious neighbor.

Non-fiction (Choose One)

The Tarantula in My Purse (Craighead George) Newbery medal-winning author Jean Craighead George tells of her adventures raising her three children and 173 unusual pets, including an owl that took showers and a crow that like to sit at the dinner table.

Albert Einstein (Wishinsky) The life and times of one of history's most important scientists are chronicled in this readable biography filled with photographs and illustrations from Einstein's life.

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Fiction (Choose One)

The Music of the Dolphins (Hesse) - After rescuing an adolescent girl from the sea, researchers learn she has been raised by dolphins. They take her back to Boston and attempt to rehabilitate her to the human world.

Flush (Hiaassen) - A young boy named Noah attempts to prove that a crooked casino boat owner is dumping raw sewage into the ocean, damaging sea turtle habitats in the process. Joining Noah in his plan is a wacky cast of characters including his annoying sister and a mysterious pirate.

Love Among the Walnuts (Ferris) Despite having multi-millionaire parents, Sandy didn't really expect to have an easy life. But he certainly never could have expected someone would try to kill his parents with a poisoned birthday cake! Laugh out loud as Sandy tries to bring the attempted murderers to justice with the help of his loyal butler and a wacky neighbor.

Non-fiction (Choose One)

Phineas Gage: The Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science (Fleischman) - While the 3' long iron bar didn't kill him when it went through his brain in less than a split second, it definitely changed both Phineas Gage's personality and what we know about how the human brain works.

Living up the Street (Soto) - Writer Gary Soto recalls stories about his growing up on and moving out of the poor streets of Fresno, California.

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Fiction (Choose One)

Ender's Game (Card) - Earth is threatened by alien attack, and the only person who can prevent the destruction of the planet is a six year-old boy named Andrew "Ender" Wiggin. Follow Ender from his first signs of genius as a child through his creative ways of surviving the challenges he encounters at his elite "Battle School." Along the way, Ender learns about himself, how to inspire others, how intellect can overcome brute force, and how valuable life is in the universe.

Eager (Fox) - Gavin Bell and his teenage sister Fleur come from a middle-class, 21st century family. When their beloved robot Grumps breaks down, the family borrows Eager- a new experimental robot that has emotions and learns from his mistakes. But when a new series of robots begins to behave mysteriously, Eager and the Bell family attempt to answer many difficult questions, including what being alive really means.

Things Not Seen (Clements) - Bobby Phillips is an average fifteen year-old boy; that is until he wakes up one morning and discovers he's invisible. What sounds like a dream turns into a nightmare as Bobby begins to lose his friends, identity, and any hope of a normal life. That changes when he meets Alicia, a blind girl whom he finds irresistible. Bobby then knows he needs to become visible again- before it's too late.

Non-fiction (Choose One)

Police Lab (Owen) In 1979, U.S. Army Captain Jeffrey MacDonald claimed that three "hippies" broke into his house and attacked his wife and daughters. Despite the Captain's best efforts to conceal evidence, forensic scientists were able to prove that he himself was guilty of his family's murderer. *Police Lab* describes twenty real-life cases to show how forensic scientists gather and analyze evidence, examine weapons and bodies, and use DNA testing to bring criminals to justice.

Brainstorm! The Story of Twenty American Kid Inventors (Tucker) Learn about some of the amazing inventions of young Americans. The achievements of some of the kid inventors gathered here were prominent once but have become obscure over time; others remain relatively unknown. Examples include earmuffs, television, and the re-sealable cereal box.

*Revere Public Schools
Summer Reading 2011
Garfield Middle School of Science and Technology*

Purpose of the Program

The purpose of the Revere Public Schools Summer Reading Program is to help students understand that reading can be fun and enjoyable. Each book chosen for Summer Reading has been specifically selected with this goal in mind.

The Summer Reading Program seeks to maintain and extend literacy skills, expose students to quality literature, and to encourage all students to become lifelong readers. The ability to read and write is a critical skill necessary to achieve success in our society. We invite our students to immerse themselves in a summer of reflection, discovery, and renewal through the literature of our Summer Reading Program.

Expectations

For the sake of keeping their reading skills sharp over the summer, it is our expectation that students complete the recommended summer reading as described below. Middle school students should read at least two books over the summer: one fiction and one non-fiction.

The summer reading books are available in limited quantities at the Revere Public Library. Most titles are also available used on websites such as Amazon.com and barnesandnobe.com.

Assessments

Students will be **NOT** be tested on summer reading upon their return to school.

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