

*Revere Public Schools
Summer Reading 2011
Rumney Marsh Academy*

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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STUDENTS ENTERING RUMNEY MARSH ACADEMY GRADE 6

Fiction (Choose One)

Freak the Mighty (Philbrick) - "I never had a brain until Freak came along...", that's what Max thought. All his life he'd been stupid and learned to be alone until Freak came along. Together Max and Freak are unstoppable.

The Cat Ate My Gymsuit (Danziger) - Marcy Lewis hates school, her father is a tyrant, and she struggles with weight. Then along comes Ms. Finney, an English teacher who's willing to try anything in the classroom and treats the kids like human beings. Then Ms. Finney is suspended, and Marcy organizes the protest but will this new independence be worth the price she will pay at home and school?

Time Cat (Alexander) - The adventures of a cat and his owner who travel through time and meet important people from history.

Non-fiction (Choose One)

Out of Darkness (Freedman) - An inspirational biography of the 19th century Frenchman who developed Braille. The book spans Braille's life from childhood through his days at the Royal Institute for Blind Youth and into his final years, when the alphabet he invented was finally gaining acceptance.

When Justice Failed: Fred Korematsu Story (Chin) - The story of a girl who discovers that her father fought against Japanese internment during WWII. This compelling tale details what Japanese Americans went through during this time.

STUDENTS ENTERING RUMNEY MARSH ACADEMY GRADE 7

Fiction (Choose One)

Flipped (Van Draanen) - The first time he saw her...he ran, and that's how it was from the second to the seventh grade. Now in the eighth grade he looks at her differently. Is there hope for happiness in junior high? Have you FLIPPED???

Among the Hidden (Peterson Haddix) - Luke is a Shadow Child, the third child of the family in a futuristic society where the Population Law states that families are only allowed two offspring. He risks being caught and befriends Jen, another shadow child and together they forge a friendship. After Jen's death, Luke relies on his own courage and ultimately sets out to change the world, a little at a time.

Hatchet (Paulsen) - While on his way to visit his father in the Canadian wilderness, 13 year-old Brian Robeson becomes the sole survivor of a small plane crash and has only his wits, determination, and a hatchet to help him survive as he hopes for rescue.

Non-fiction (Choose One)

Breaking Through (Jimenez) - The inspiring true story of a fourteen year-old boy who, together with his migrant-worker family of eight siblings and their mother, battle poverty and prejudice to achieve the American Dream in 1940's California.

Boy: Tales of Childhood (Dahl) - The author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *James and the Giant Peach* relates stories from his boyhood and reveals how many of his zany antics later inspired the plots of his quirky novels.

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Fiction (Choose One)

The Giver (Lowry) - A haunting novel in which a boy inhabits a seemingly ideal world. When he is selected by a man called 'The Giver' - he begins to sense the dark secrets that underlie the fragile perfection of his world. The spell-binding story of a boy who experiences something incredible and undertakes a task that is impossible.

The Traveler's Gift: Seven Decisions that Determine Personal Success (Andrews) - A down-on-his-luck man hits an all-time low. While temporarily unconscious, he visits seven people from history who ultimately teach him that he is the only one who can change his life.

The Hunger Games (Collins) - Sixteen-year-old Katniss is smart, athletic, fast and an expert with a bow and arrow. Will these skills be enough to survive the Hunger Games, a futuristic and cruel game of survival?

Non-fiction (Choose One)

Left for Dead—The USS Indianapolis Project (Nelson) - Hunter becomes interested in the story of the USS Indianapolis for a History Day project, never thinking that his research would change the truth of history about the final voyage of the battleship that delivered the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Revenge of the Whale (Philbrick) - Five months after the Whaleship *Essex* sank after being deliberately rammed by an enraged whale, five emaciated men were rescued from two small lifeboats filled with the bones of their unlucky companions. This book details the story of their harrowing experience, from the attack to the sinking, to the desperate measures the men took to survive and then live with the guilt of having survived.