

# Summer Reading 2009

## Incoming Grade 6

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to BFMS! Middle school is an exciting, new experience and we are looking forward to working with you in September. One of the best ways to prepare for middle school is to spend some of your fun-filled summer days reading great books!

It is ***strongly recommended*** that middle school students read ***at least 2 books*** during the summer. Not only does reading provide summer entertainment, it increases your knowledge, vocabulary and your ability to focus and concentrate. Besides that, it's fun to expose your mind to a world of rich experiences and endless possibilities....

New York State Standards suggest a reading goal of twenty-five books per year. Luckily, there are a wealth of middle school authors such as Avi, Cooney, Creech, Korman, Myers, Paulson, Spinelli and others that provide a wide variety of reading selections. There are books to appeal to your sense of adventure and survival, mystery and romance, fantasy and humor, as well as your quest for knowledge and understanding. So open up your mind, and fill it with a few sensational summer reading books!

Attached are popular middle school titles and authors. Suggested book lists are also posted on the BFMS website, [www.kenton.k12.ny.us/kenton](http://www.kenton.k12.ny.us/kenton), as well as, the Buffalo and Erie County Library website, [www.buffalolib.com](http://www.buffalolib.com). As always, do not feel restricted by these lists. To make it more fun, check out your local book stores and libraries for summer reading clubs and contests. Ask family and friends for book recommendations, and any title approved by a parent or guardian is acceptable for summer reading.

After reading your books, simply fill in a "***BFMS Reading Coupon***." In September, turn in your "***BFMS Reading Coupons***" to your ELA teacher for an exciting ***Summer Reading Prize Drawing***. You are encouraged to read as many books as possible. The more books you read, the more chances you have to ***win cool prizes!***

Most importantly, your effort, enthusiasm and involvement in summer reading serve as an essential part of your development as a reader and life-long learner. These critical habits will enhance your reading enjoyment and lead to years of success in school.

Happy reading, and we'll see you in September!

Sincerely,

BFMS ELA/Reading Teachers  
and the Library Media Specialist

**Summer Reading  
Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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**Benjamin Franklin Middle School  
Summer Reading List 2009  
Incoming Grade 6 Suggested Reading List**

**Adventure/Survival**

Avi. *The Good Dog*  
Hobbs, Will. *Jason's Gold, The Maze*  
Korman, Gordon. *Dive series, Everest series, Island series*  
Paulsen, Gary. *Call me Francis Tucket*  
Martin, Ann and Godwin, Laura. *The Runaway Dolls*  
Di Camillo., Kate. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

**Fantasy**

Collins, Susan. *Gregor the Overlander*  
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux*  
DiTerlizzi, Tony. *Spiderwick Chronicles*  
Levine, Gail. *Ella Enchanted*  
McKinley, Robin. *Blue Sword Fantasy Land*

**Historical Fiction**

Avi, *Crispin The Cross of Lead*  
Bruchac, Joseph. *Code Talker*  
Paulsen, Gary. *Legend of Bass Reeves*  
Paulsen, Gary. *Tucket's Gold*  
San Souci, Robert. *Short and Shivery Tales*  
Various Authors...*Dear America Series*

**Humorous Fiction**

Hannigan, Katherine. *Ida B and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster and Possibly Save the World*  
Korman, Gordon. *No More Dead Dogs*  
Scieszka, Jon. *Knights of the Kitchen Table*  
Creech, Sharon. *Absolutely Normal Chaos*  
Holt, Kimberly Willis. *When Zachary Came to Town*

**Mystery**

Allison, Jennifer. *Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator*  
Balliett, Blue. *The Wright 3*  
Colfer, Eoin. *Half Moon Investigations*  
Hahn, Mary Downing. *The Old Willis Place: a Ghost Story*  
Kehrt, Peg. *Nightmare Mountain*  
Cooney, Caroline. *If the Witness Lied, Diamonds in the Shadows*

**Realistic Fiction**

Creech, Sharon. *Replay: A New Book*  
Goldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts*  
Van Draanen, Wedelin. *Sammy Keyes Series*  
Paulsen, Gary. *The Monument*  
Spinelli, Jerry. *Report to the Principal's Office*

**Non Fiction**

Deem, James M. *Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii*  
Murphy, Jim. *The Great Fire*  
Murphy, Jim. *The Boys War*  
Butterfield, Moira. *Pirates and Smugglers*

**Sports Fiction**

Christopher, Matt. *Dirt Bike, Penalty Shot*  
Gutman, Dan. *Million Dollar Goal*  
Meyer, Walter Dean. *Hoops*

**Other Popular Middle School Authors:** Christopher Paul Curtis, Andrew Clements, Cynthia DeFelice, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Barbara Park, E.L. Konigsburg, Katherine Patterson, Paul Fleischman, Jean Craig George, Cynthia Voigt, Lawrence Yep, Richard Peck...