

## **Buffalo Public Schools Summer Reading Program**

This summer, the Buffalo Public Schools hopes to support the continued development of literacy skills and encourage a life-long interest in reading through our Summer Reading Program. For this reason, we are providing a reading list for all students of Buffalo. Our expectation is that students will read the (1) required book during the summer and be prepared to take part in class discussions, activities, or assignments when they return to school in September.

Please select and read one book from the grade level that you will be entering in September 2009.

### **Students Entering PRE-K-K:**

*What a Wonderful World* by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

*Me & Neesie* by Eloise Greenfield

*Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message* by Jake Swamp

*Knuffle Bunny* by Mo Williams

*Rap A Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles, Think Of That* by Leo Dillon

### **Students Entering KINDERGARTEN**

*Who's in Rabbit's House?* by Verna Aardema

*Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding* by Lenore Look

*Hairs Pelitos* by Sandra Cisneros

*Jamaica and Brianna* by Juanita Havill

*When I Am Old With You* by Angela Johnson

### **Students Entering GRADE ONE**

*The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles

*Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ear* by Verna Aardema

*Fishing Day* by Shane Evans and Andrea Pinkney

*Abuela* by Arthur Dorros

*The Empty Pot* by Demi

### **Students Entering GRADE TWO**

*Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine

*More Than Anything Else* by Marie Bradby

*My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken, and Me* by Maya Angelou

*Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later)* by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard

*How I Learned Geography* by Uri Shulevitz

**Students Entering GRADE THREE**

*Wilma Unlimited* by Kathleen Krull  
*Richard Wright and the Library Card* by William Miller  
*Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold  
*Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel  
*The Outside Dog* by Charlotte Pomerantz

**Students Entering GRADE FOUR**

*Stone Fox* by John Gardiner  
*Three Good Deeds* by Vivian Velde  
*Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule* by Harriette Gillem Robinet  
*Journey to Jo'burg: A South African Story* by Beverley Naidoo  
*Malcolm X: A Fire Burning Brightly* by Walter Dean Myers

**Students Entering GRADE FIVE**

*The Jacket* by Andrew Clements  
*The Friendship* by Mildred Taylor  
*Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges  
*The Best Bad Thing* by Yoshiko Uchida  
*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson

**Students Entering GRADE SIX**

*Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry  
*A Jar of Dreams* by Yoshiko Uchida  
*Letters from Rifka* by Karen Hesse  
*The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry  
*Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing up Scieszka*  
by Jon Scieszka

**Students Entering GRADE SEVEN**

*Taking Sides* by Gary Soto  
*Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes  
*Heart of a Chief* by Joseph Bruchac  
*The Circuit* by Francisco Jimenez  
*Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz

**Students Entering GRADE EIGHT**

*The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* by Walter Dean Meyers

*Miracle's Boys* by Jacqueline Woodson

*Plain City* by Virginia Hamilton

*Somewhere In The Darkness* by Walter Dean Meyers

*The Killing Sea* by Richard Lewis

**Students Entering GRADE NINE**

*We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Led to Success* by Sampson Davis

*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson

*When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago

*A Step From Heaven* by An Na

*Annie John* by Jamaica Kincaid

**Students Entering GRADE TEN**

*Bad Boy: A Memoir* by Walter Dean Myers

*In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez

*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

*Laughing in the Dark: From Colored Girl to Woman of Color--A Journey From Prison to Power* by Patrice Gaines

**Students Entering GRADE ELEVEN**

*Dreams From My Father; a Story of Race and Inheritance* by Barack Obama

*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines

*The Color of Water* by James McBride

*The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin

*The Women of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor

**Students Entering GRADE TWELVE**

*A Gathering of Old Men* by Ernest Gaines

*Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Paton

*Tar Baby* by Toni Morrison

*The God of Small Things: A Novel* by Arundhati Roy

*Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi