



Plainfield Public Schools Summer Reading List 2009 Grades 3 through 5

Summer reading is voluntary and strongly encouraged in order to maintain reading skills. Each student should read independently a minimum of five books and they should respond to the books using the choice activity list. These assignments will be collected in September and will count as extra credit for the first marking period.

Cam Jansen & The Chocolate Fudge Mystery by David A. Adler
Inside the Titanic by Ken Marschall
Stop the Presses, Nellie's Got a Scoop!: A Story of Nellie Bly by Robert M. Quackenbush
Jack, the Seal and the Sea by Gerald Aschenbrenner
Polar Bear Cubs by Down Mathews
The Worry Stone by Marianna Elting
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
City Kid's Field Guide by Ethan Herberman
Raining Pig and Noodles by Jack Prelutsky
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
Heat by Mike Lupica
Wait Till Helen Comes by Mary Hahn
Frindle by Andrew Clements
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord
Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman by Alan Schroeder
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Holes by Louis Sachar

Activities

- Create a new surprise ending for the story.
- Rewrite the beginning of the story-change the setting, change the characters etc.
- Make up a song to retell the story.
- Create a Venn diagram comparing two of the characters from the story.
- Create and write a postcard summarizing the events in the story.
- Write a description of a setting from the story.
- Keep a diary for a character in the story.
- Write three facts from the book.
- Rewrite the dialogue between two characters in your own words.
- Construct a diorama depicting the setting of the story.

Check out www.bookadventure.org for more ideas and prizes!!!!!!!!!!!!