

**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
PELHAM, NH
SUMMER READING LIST
2008-2009**

During the summer we are requesting that each child entering grades 1-8 read selected books from a suggested list compiled by teachers. Many of these books can be found at local public libraries or bookstores. We encourage all students, with the support of their parents, to read throughout the summer months!

PRIMARY GRADES: Children should be exposed to as many books as possible. Parents and older siblings may be actively involved in reading aloud from the suggested lists. Summer reading should NOT be a chore or struggle but, rather, an opportunity for students to explore literature and have fun.

FIRST GRADE: Mrs. Henderson would love for students to be familiar with books by any of these authors: Arnold Lobel, Eric Carle, Tomie dePaola, Leo Lionni, Dr. Seuss, *Little Critter* series by Mercer Mayer, *Clifford* series by Norman Bidwell, *Berenstain Bears* series by Stan and Jan Berenstain, *Henry & Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant, *Poppleton* series by Cynthia Rylant, *Biscuit* series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, & *Little Bear* series by Else Holmelund Minarik or the *Hello Reader* series (various titles, authors, and levels). READ whatever you are able, be read to by anyone who will read to you and ENJOY!

SECOND GRADE: Choose any of these books:

Arthur Series by Marc Brown
Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish
Pee Wee Scouts Series
Fluffy Series by McMullan
The Zack Files Series by Dan Greenburg
Magic Tree Series by Mary Pope Osborne
Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline
Rainbow Magic by Dairy Meadows

THIRD GRADE: Choose any of these books or authors:

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
Books by Matt Christopher
Animal Arc series by Ben Baglio
Puppy Patrol series by Jenny Dale
Hank the Cowboy series by John Erickson

SUMMER READING LIST (cont.)

INTERMEDIATE GRADES AND JUNIOR HIGH: Required reading for all students entering grades 4-8. Activities during the first weeks of school will be focused on this literature. *Books marked with an asterisk will be sent home with students prior to the end of the year to be returned on the first day of school.

FOURTH GRADE: (Required) *Sarah Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
(Suggested) *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton

FIFTH GRADE: (Required) *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
(Suggested – Choose One) *Crazy Lady* by Jane Leslie Conly
Mr. Tucket by Gary Paulsen

SIXTH GRADE: (Required) **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien and
(Choose One – Required) *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George
Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Spear
The Giver by Lois Lowry or
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman
Travel Team, Heat by Mike Lupica

SEVENTH GRADE: (Required) **Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Ralls and
(Choose One – Required) *The Time Machine* by HG Wells or
The Red Planet by Robert Heinlein

EIGHTH GRADE: (Required) **Time Enough for Drums* by Ann Rinaldi
(Required) *Gifted Hands* by Ben Carson, M.D.