

MEDFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Medford, New Jersey

***REQUIRED SUMMER 2009 READING
MOVING ON TO GRADE FOUR***



Attention Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Third Grade Students:

Reading, like any skill, improves with practice. Your child has been reading different types of materials throughout the school year, and we would like to continue this momentum during the summer months. Therefore, we are requiring that all students entering Grade Four read

AMBER BROWN IS NOT A CRAYON, by Paula Danziger.

At the beginning of the next school year, your child will be participating in activities related to this book. Success in these activities will depend on having read this book before school begins.

Additionally, we are providing focus questions to guide the reading. We encourage you to review and discuss these questions with your child. This will maximize his/her comprehension and potential for success with the activities your child's teacher has planned for September.

FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS /GUARDIANS

1. Have you ever moved or had a best friend who moved? How did you feel?
2. Would you like to have a teacher like Mr. Cohen? Why or why not?
3. If you were moving, what would you want to take with you? Where would you want to move?
4. What qualities do you look for in a friend?

AMBER BROWN IS NOT A CRAYON will be available at Barnes & Noble in Marlton and Moorestown or Borders in Marlton. If necessary, you may borrow this book for your child by contacting your school's administrative office. The book is to be returned to the office upon completion.

We have developed a summer reading list (SEE REVERSE SIDE) of recommended books that students can read for pleasure. These are books that should be appropriate for your child's reading level. They will not be discussed in class upon your child's return to school nor studied during the school year. We encourage you to utilize this list as well as books available at the Pinelands Branch of the Burlington County Library.

Reading throughout the summer months can be most beneficial for your child. We know parents recognize and support this premise, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support at home. Have a safe and enjoyable summer—HAPPY READING!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Curriculum Office at 609-654-6416.

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Lady Lollipop by Dick King-Smith, 2001

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech, 2001

Skeleton Man by Joseph Bruchac, 2001

The Transmogrification of Roscoe Wizzle by David Elliott, 2001

To The Top of Everest by Laurie Skreslet with Elizabeth MacLeod, 2001

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo, 2000

The Year of Miss Agnes by Kirkpatrick Hill, 2000

Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath, 2002

Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

Doublefudge by Judy Blume, 2002

Cinder-Elly by Frances Minters, 1994

Pigs Might Fly by Dick King-Smith, 1990

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by P. and C. Roop, 1985

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary, 1991

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, by Judy Blume, 1976

So You Want to Be President? by Judith St. George, 2000

Soup (series) by Robert Peck

Encyclopedia Brown (series) by Donald Sobol

American Girls (series) by several authors

Dear America (series) by several authors.