

MEDFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Medford, New Jersey

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



Attention Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Kindergarten 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 One read

THE ROLLER COASTER, by Marla Frazee.

At the beginning of the next school year, your child will be participating in activities related to this book.

Please keep in mind this book should be read to your child. It is not expected that your child read this book independently. Additionally, we are providing discussion starter questions. This will maximize his/her comprehension and enjoyment of the story.

DISCUSSION-STARTER QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Select a few questions to spark talk about the story. Choose different questions each time the book is read.

1. Compare what the character did to what you might have done if you were in the story.
2. While we are reading the book, look for words that begin with the same letter...start with the same sound...
3. What was your favorite illustration in the book? Why?
4. What might have happened if...? Change a part of the story and see where it might lead.
5. Compare it to other books you have read of a similar theme, or compare books by the same author.
6. Does the main character in this book remind you of someone you know, or maybe a character from a different book?
7. Does the story remind you of something that happened to you?
8. How many things can you remember from the story? Close the book and try to retell the story from memory.

THE ROLLER COASTER 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 child's school 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 can be read to students for pleasure. These are books that should be appropriate for your child's 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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- Milo's Hat Trick** by Jon Agee, 2001
Olivia by Ian Falconer, 2000
I Lost My Bear by Jules Feiffer, 1998
Yoko by Rosemary Wells, 1998
Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes, 2000
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback, 1997
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin, 2000
The Stray Dog by Marc Simont, 2002
The Three Pigs by David Wiesner, 2002
On Monday When It Rained by Cherryl Kachenmeister, 1991
There's An Alligator Under My Bed by Mercer Mayer, 1987
Jamaica Tag-Along by Juanita Havill, 1990
Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood, 1990
Sheep In a Shop by Nancy Shaw, 1991
Let's Get a Pup!, Said Kate by Bob Graham, 2002
Five Creatures by Emily Jenkins, 2001
In the Tall Tall Grass by Dennis Fenning, 1991
Curious George (series) by H.A. and Margaret Ray
Clifford (series) by Norman Bridwell
Berenstein Bears (series) by Jan and Stan Berenstein
Messy Bessy (series) by Patricia McKissade
Ira (series) by Bernard Waber