

MEDFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Medford, New Jersey

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



Attention Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Second 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 Three read

**DEAR PETER RABBIT**, by Alma Flor Ada.

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. How is the book written differently than other books you have read?
2. Find at least one thing in each picture that the author wrote about in the text.
3. How did the characters get to know each other by the end of the story?
4. Have you ever written/received a letter from a friend or pen pal? How did you feel?

**DEAR PETER RABBIT** 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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**The Secret Knowledge of Grown** by David Wisniewski, 1998

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

**7 x 9 = Trouble!** by Claudia Mills, 2002

**Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest** by Steve Jenkins, 1998

**Not My Dog** by Colby Rodowsky, 1999

**Lou Gehrig : The Luckiest Man** by David A. Adler, 1997

**America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle** by David Adler, 2000

**Surviving Brick Johnson** by Laurie Meyers, 2000

**Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** by Doreen Rappaport, 2002

**I Was a Third Grade Science Project** by Mary Jane Auch, 1999

**Riptide** by Francis Ward Weller, 1990

**All About Alligators** by Jim Arnosky, 1994

**Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen, 1987

**The Quilt Story** by T. Johnson & T. dePaola, 1980

**The Relatives Came** by Cynthia Rylant, 1985

**The Mysterious Tadpole** by Steven Kellogg

**Just Plain Fancy** by Patricia Polacco

**The Magic Schoolbus in the Time of the Dinosaurs** by Joanna Cole

**My America Series** – historical fiction

**Magic Treehouse** (series) by Mary Pope Osborne

**Polk Street School** (series) by Patricia Reilly Giff

**Polka Dot Private Eye** (series) by Patricia Reilly Giff

**Amber Brown** (series) by Paula Danziger

**Cam Jansen** (series) by David Adler

**Captain Underpants** (series) by Dav Pilkey