

Wilson Reading Summer Book List
2010-2011 School Year

DIRECTIONS: Each student is to complete the Summer Reading Assessment Forms for their grade level. Each grade level's requirements are listed below, as there are varying levels of books. It does not matter if the book you choose is easy or more challenging. The books should be read on your own and should not be listened to through audiotapes. This should not be a book you have read previously.

STUDENTS GOING INTO:

6th Grade: Read 2 books from the list below or the 6th grade list. Complete the Summer Reading Assessment Form as required.

7th Grade: Read 2 books from the list below or the 7th grade list. Complete the Summer Reading Assessment Form as required.

8th Grade: Read 1 book from the list below. This is in addition to the 2 books for your other reading class. At this point in Wilson, you **MUST** be reading more on your own! The books on this list cannot be used for other reading classes. Complete the Summer Reading Assessment Form as required.

- Bunting, Eve. **Someone is Hiding on Alcatraz Island**
When he offends the toughest gang in his San Francisco School, Danny tries to elude them by going to Alcatraz only to find himself and a Park Service employee trapped by the gang in an old prison cell block.
- Choldenko, Gennifer. **Al Capone Does My Shirts**
A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
- Clements, A. **Jake Drake: Bully Buster**
When Jake was three years old at Miss Lulu's Dainty Diaper Day Care Center, what did he know about bullies? Nothing. But he learned fast--too fast! Why? Because Jake is kind of smart, and he's not a tattletale, and he doesn't have a big brother to protect him.
- Creech, Sharon. **Ruby Holler**
Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.
- DiCamillo, Kate. **The Tiger Rising**
Rob, who passes the time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger.

- Fleischman, Paul. **Bull Run**
Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Maggie's Door**
In the mid-1800s, Nory and her neighbor and friend, Sean, set out separately on a dangerous journey from famine-plagued Ireland, hoping to reach a better life in America. Sequel to: Nory Ryan's song
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Nory Ryan's Song**
When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.
- Hannigan, Katherine. **Ida B**
In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.
- Hayden, Torey. **The Very Worst Thing**
David has never had a permanent home or real friend, but when he decides to try hatching an owl egg with the help of a classmate, his life slowly begins to change for the better.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis. **When Zachary Beaver Came to Town**
During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.
- Kay, Elizabeth. **Back to the Divide**
A japegrin, Snakeweed, has placed a spell on Felix's parents that is beginning to effect the rest of the Earth, and fourteen-year-old Felix must follow him back across the Divide to seek a counterspell.
- Kay, Elizabeth. **The Divide**
While hiking on the Continental Divide of Costa Rica, a young boy with a heart condition falls into a magical otherworld full of fantastical creatures.
- Konigsburg, E.L. **The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place**
Upon leaving an oppressive summer camp, twelve-year-old Margaret Rose Kane spearheads a campaign to preserve three unique towers her grand uncles have been building in their back yard for over forty years.

- Korman, Gordan. *Dive Trilogy*
 - **The Discovery**
When four kids on a marine expedition for the summer discover a sunken treasure, it is a race against time, sharks, and each other to bring the goods to shore.
 - **The Deep**
Kaz, Star, Adriana, and Dante have discovered a sunken treasure ship, but nobody wants them to get near it, so it will take a whole lot of ingenuity and teamwork for the children to obtain what is rightfully theirs.
 - **The Danger**
Kaz, Dante, Adriana, and Star have a final face-off with the adults wanting to keep the discovered sunken treasure for themselves, and with the hungry sharks surrounding the riches.

- Korman, Gordan. *Everest Trilogy*
 - **The Contest**
Dominic, Chris, Perry, Tilt, Sammi, Bryn, and Cameron compete with each other to be selected as part of a team of teenage climbers with the goal of ascending Mount Everest.
 - **The Climb**
As Tilt, Dominic, Sammi, and Perry ready themselves to ascend Everest, they must deal with altitude sickness, an unknown person's messages to the tabloids about their expedition, and a troubled rescue attempt.
 - **The Summit**
Four kids are prepared to go into thin air in order to become the youngest person ever to climb Everest. But they are not prepared for the challenges that await them, as they get closer to the summit. Supplies are low. Conditions are extreme. One of the kids is trying to sabotage the others. And then the storm hits...

- Korman, Gordan. *Island Trilogy*
 - **Shipwreck**
Six kids, Nick, J.J., Will, Lyssa, Charla, and Ian, are thrown together against their will on a small boat that will make a one-month journey on the Pacific Ocean. They have all been sent for different reasons.
 - **Survival**
Finding their way to a deserted island after their ship sinks, Luke, Ian, JJ, Charla, Will, and Lyssa struggle to survive and soon discover that they are not alone on the island.
 - **Escape**
Six totally different kids have to learn to work together to survive a vicious storm and a shipwreck that leave them stranded in the middle of the ocean with no food, no water, and almost no hope for survival.

- Korman, Gordan. **No More Dead Dogs**
Eighth-grade football hero Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.
- McKay, Hillary. **The Exiles**
The four Conroy sisters spend a wild summer at the seaside with Big Grandma, who tries to break them of their reading habit by substituting fresh air and hard work for books and gets unexpected results.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Beetles Lightly Toasted**
Andy's entering the fifth-grade essay contest stirs his imagination to creative heights as he competes with his know-it-all cousin by making recipes with some unusual food sources and testing them on unaware friends and family.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Esperanza Rising**
Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.
- Rylant, Cynthia. **The Islander**
Living with his grandfather on an island off British Columbia, ten-year-old Daniel feels deep loneliness until the night he meets a mermaid whose identity he tries to learn.
- Slote, Alfred. **Finding Buck McHenry**
Eleven-year-old Jason, believing the school custodian Mack Henry to be Buck McHenry, a famous pitcher from the old Negro League, tries to enlist him as a coach for his Little League team by revealing his identity to the world.
- Spinelli, Jerry. **Loser**
Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Non-Fiction / Biography

- Gherman, Beverly. **Norman Rockwell: Storyteller With a Brush**
Describes the life and work of the popular American artist who depicted both traditional and contemporary subjects, including children, family scenes, astronauts, and poor people.
- Greenberg, Jan. **Frank O. Gehry: Outside In**
Photographs and text help profile the life and career of architect Frank O. Gehry.
- Lalicki, Tom. **Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini**
An illustrated biography of late nineteenth, early twentieth-century American magician Harry Houdini.
- McPherson, James. **Fields of Fury**
Examines the events and effects of the American Civil War.
- Murphy, Jim. **Inside the Alamo**
An Overview of the struggle between the Texan settlers and Mexico's General Santa Anna for control of Texas, with a detailed description of the 1836 siege of the Alamo. Includes biographical sketches and quotations of some of those involved.
- Myers, Walter Dean. **The Greatest: Muhammad Ali**
An illustrated biography of boxing great Muhammad Ali that addresses his politics, his fight against Parkinson's disease, and boxing's dangers.
- Paulson, Gary. **How Angel Peterson Got His Name**
Author Gary Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.
- Sobey, Ed. **How to Build Your Own Prize-Winning Robot**
Teaches the fundamentals of robotics from motors to wheel alignment, and including the construction of a personal robot.
- St. George, Judith. **In the Line of Fire: Presidents' Lives at Stake**
Examines the assassinations of Presidents Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley, and John F. Kennedy, discussing the life and career of each man, the motivations of their killers, and the effect of their murders on the nation; and looks at attempts that have been made on the lives of seven additional U.S. presidents.
- Stanley, Diane. **Michelangelo**
A biography of the Renaissance sculptor, painter, architect, and poet, well known for his work on the Sistine Chapel in Rome's St. Peter's Cathedral.