

KENSICO SCHOOL
2009/2010 SUMMER READING LIST

GRADE 3

AUTHOR	SUGGESTED TITLES
David Adler	<i>Cam Jansen Mystery Series, School Trouble for Andy Russell</i>
Matt Christopher	<i>Double Play at Short, The Comeback Kid, Dirt Bike Runaway, The Winning Stroke</i>
Suzy Kline	<i>Horrible Harry Series, Herbie Jones</i>
Mary Pope Osborne	<i>Magic Tree House Series, Tales from the Odyssey</i>
Donald Sobol	<i>Encyclopedia Brown series</i>

GRADE 4

AUTHOR	SUGGESTED TITLES
Andrew Clements	<i>Frindle, Janitor's Boy, School Story, The Landry News</i>
Sharon Creech	<i>Love That Dog, Granny Torelli Makes Soup, The Castle Corona</i>
Dan Gutman	<i>The Kid Who Became President, School Story, Honus and Me, Babe and Me, The Million Dollar Kick</i>
Ann M. Martin	<i>A Dog's Life, The Babysitters Club Series</i>
Various Authors	<i>American Girl Series</i>

GRADE 5

AUTHOR	SUGGESTED TITLES
Christopher Paul Curtis	<i>Bud, Not Buddy, The Watsons go to Birmingham, 1963, Elijah of Buxton</i>
Gail Carson Levine	<i>Dave at Night, Ella Enchanted, The Wish, Fairest</i>
Lois Lowry	<i>Anastasia Series, The Giver, See You Around Sam</i>
Gary Paulsen	<i>Brian's Winter, Hatchet, The River</i>
Louis Sachar	<i>Holes, There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom, Wayside School Series</i>

GRADE 6

AUTHOR	SUGGESTED TITLES
Gennifer Choldenko	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>
Felice Holman	<i>Slakes Limbo</i>
Gordon Korman	<i>No More Dead Dogs</i>
Madeline L'Engle	<i>Wrinkle in Time</i>
Zilpha Keatley Snyder	<i>Egypt Game</i>
Jerry Spinelli	<i>Maniac Magee</i>
Jacqueline Woodson	<i>Miracle's Boys</i>
Jane Yolen	<i>Devil's Arithmetic</i>

**SUMMER READING PROJECT
ATTACHED**

Kensico School
Summer Reading Project

Author Study

Pick **one author (unless American Girl Series)** from the Summer Reading List.
Read **two** of his/her books.
Choose **two** activities listed below.

Activities:

1. **Fan Mail** - Write a letter to your author expressing any thoughts or reflections you have about the two books you have read. Be sure to include your name, the titles of the two books you have read, your favorite parts of each book and why you enjoyed the books. This letter is to be handed in to the teacher and **NOT** mailed to the author.
2. **Using technology to research authors** - Research your author's life using the Author Websites List (see back). Information you may want to include is:
 - a. Name
 - b. Birthdate
 - c. Education/Schooling
 - d. Why he/she wanted to become an author
 - e. Include some other titles of the author's work
3. **Book Review** - Write a review about the books you've read. This should include a brief summary of the each book as well as your opinions and reflections of the story.
4. **Compare/Contrast** - Using the attached graphic organizer, use the following questions to help you complete the organizer. You may, however, add other facts or details from the books:
 - a. Was the author's writing style similar?
 - b. Did the main characters have similar qualities?
 - c. Were there any similarities/differences in setting?

Author Websites

Author	Website
David Adler	www.davidaadler.com
<u>Matt Christopher</u>	www.childrensbestbooks.com
Beverly Cleary	www.beverlycleary.com
Andrew Clements	www.eduplace.com/kids/hmr/mtai/clements.html
Sharon Creech	www.sharoncreech.com
Christopher Paul Curtis	www.kidsreads.com/authors/au-curtis-christopher-paul.asp
Dan Gutman	www.dangutman.com
Ann M. Martin	www.scholastic.com/annmartin/about/
<u>Suzy Kline</u>	www.suzykline.com
Gail Carson Levine	www.kidsreads.com/authors/au-levine-gail-carson.asp
Lois Lowry	www.loislowry.com/bio.html
Mary Pope Osborne	www.marypopeosborne.com
Gary Paulsen	www.randomhouse.com/features/garypaulsen/about.html
Louis Sachar	www.louissachar.com
Donald J. Sobol	www.kidsreads.com/series/series-brown-author.asp

Check your writing for correct spelling, grammar, capitalization, punctuation and legibility.

Book #1	Book #2
Differences	Differences
Similarities	