



South Shore Charter Public School

Inspiring every student to excel in academics, service, and life

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Level I Students:

Summer is here! Adults and children, alike, look forward to the more relaxed schedule a vacation brings. As you establish your summer routines, remember to figure in time for daily reading.

All through the school year, we teachers talk about, and show how important we feel reading really is. We model how we think about what we are reading and invite the children to share their thoughts and make connections to literature in a variety of ways. It is important that emerging, developing and fluent readers get a similar message from home. Given encouragement and appropriate reading materials, and help to build the habit of reading time, children can maintain and even improve their reading skill over the summer.

Your Level I teachers have selected a common author for the Level and a common book for each grade. In the fall, these books will be re-read and discussed in our classrooms. Students who complete the summer reading books and hand in the attached assignments will be awarded a certificate. Please contact me if you have any questions about the Level I summer reading assignment.

Sincerely,

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Summer Reading June 2010

Here are some recommended summer activities that promote literacy:

- Visit the library, get your child a library card, and check out books!
- Limit television viewing.
- Encourage children to write lists, notes, letters, and journals.
- Read to your child everyday!
- Provide a quiet reading time for silent reading of chapter books, or looking at picture books, or familiar easy readers.
- Never force a child to read, or allow them to struggle through decoding text that is too difficult for them.

Assigned Summer Reading-

- 1. Read the Robert McCloskey book we have selected for your grade.**
- 2. Choose another three books and read them to your child. If your child is able, and eager to read to you, that is also encouraged.**
- 3. Fill in the titles of three favorite books on the attached reading log.**
- 4. This assignment is due to the Level I coordinator by September 4th.**

Kindergarten- Parent's, please read Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey to your child. Talk about the story and have them make a picture of their favorite part.

Grade One- Parents, please read One Morning in Maine by Robert McCloskey to your child. Talk about the story and have them draw a picture of their favorite part labeled with a few words or a sentence.

Grade Two- Parents, please read A Time of Wonder by Robert McCloskey to your child. Talk about the story and have them make a beginning, middle, and ending picture labeled with a sentence telling about each part.

Please see the attached list for suggested titles for summer reading selections.

You may also chat with your children's librarian for other titles.

The Core Knowledge web site lists additional, recommended materials. www.coreknowledge.org

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Suggested Authors and Books for Summer Reading

The Tales of Uncle Remus, preferred edition tales retold by Julius Lester

Aesop's Fables*

Aliki *

Hans Christian Andersen – Fairy Tales*

J. M. Barrie, Peter Pan

Jan Brett*

Ludwig Bemelmans – Madeline Books*

Eve Bunting, Wednesday Surprise*

Marc Brown – Arthur Books*

Margaret Wise Brown*

Paulette Bourgeois – Franklin Books*

Eric Carl*

Beverly Cleary

Donald Crews*

Joanna Cole – Magic School Bus Books*

Barbara Cooney, Miss. Rumphius*

Bill Cosby – Little Bill Books

Tomie dePaola*

James Howe – Pinky and Rex

Ezra Jack Keats*

Stephen Kellogg*

Arnold Lobel – Frog and Toad Books and many others*

Leo Lionni*

James Marshall*

Robert McCloskey, One Morning in Maine, Blueberries for Sal, Time of Wonder*

Susan Meddaugh — Martha Books

A. A. Mile – Poetry and Winnie the Pooh*

Else Minarik – Little Bear Books*

Robert Munsch*

Peggy Parrish

Bill Peet

Daniel Pinkwater

Jerry Pinkney*

Beatrix Potter, Tales of Peter Rabbit*

Jack Prelutsky – poetry *

Faith Ringgold, Tar Beach*

Cynthia Rylant – Poppleton – Henry and Mudge – Mr Putter*

Margret and H. A. Rey – Curious George Books*

Allen Say*

Maurice Sendak , Where the Wild Things Are*

Dr. Seuss*

Shel Silverstein

William Steig*

Kaye Thompson – Eloise Books

Chris Van Allsburg*

Judith Viorst , Alexander and the Horrible No Good Day*

Rosemary Wells –Timothy Books*

Laura Ingalls Wilder –Little House in the Big Woods Books

Oscar Wilde, The Selfish Giant

Vera Williams*

Jane Yolen

Ed Young

Name _____ Grade _____

Summer Reading 2010

Author	Book Title
Required Robert McCloskey	
Choice	
Choice	
Choice	

Please make a picture of your favorite summer story on the back of this sheet.