

Woodrow Wilson Pre-K – 8th Grade Technology Theme School
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Dear Parents:

The 2008-2009 school year will be over soon and I'm sure you and your family are looking forward to the summer break. We are looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year and are presently making plans to insure your child will receive the finest instruction PAISD has to offer.

Educational studies tell us that many elementary and middle school students return to school with a reading level below or at the level they had when they left the previous year. Reading is a skill. The more you read the better reader you become. To be successful in all subject areas: math, social studies, science, etc., a student must have strong reading skills. To insure that your child not only maintains their reading skills, but continues to develop reading skills, students will receive a Recommended Summer Reading List, Pre-K through 12th grade, compiled by PAISD librarians. This summer, please visit the Port Arthur Public Library and local booksellers and encourage your child to read.

We are planning special activities at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year to reward our summer readers. To qualify, each student must provide a reading log (title and author) of the books read. You may download a reading log from the district website or from our school website. Just click on the Library Media Resources Link. This list may include books read independently and books you have read to and with your child. For younger students, you may need to keep the reading log for them. Students will be able to take Accelerated Reader quizzes at the beginning of school to verify their reading. Our Accelerated Reader program is now web-based. This means that every AR quiz offered through Renaissance Learning is available to our students.

To teach the love of reading, read to and with your child. Reading is contagious; the more you and your child read, the more fun it becomes. Make reading a special event in your home. Newspapers, magazines, the menu from a local restaurant are examples of shared reading materials.

Get a head start on the 2009-2010 school year by improving your child's reading skills. Great literature and quality time spent with your child, that's what you can expect this summer!

Respectfully,

LaSonya Baptiste

Miss LaSonya Baptiste, Principal

Pre-K & Kinder

TITLE	AUTHOR
Aggie and Ben: Three Stories	Ries
Baby Shoes	Slater
Bats at the Beach	Lies
Clip-Clop!	Smee
Count Me a Rhyme	Yolen
An Egg is Quiet	Weeks
Farley Found Out!	Van Patter
Looking for a Moose	Root
Not Afraid of Dogs	Pitzer
On the Go with Mr. & Mrs. Green	Baker
Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen	Best
For You are a Kenyan Child	Cunnane
Move Over, Rover!	Beaumont

You can find additional titles and reading activities to do with your child at the Texas Library Association website: www.txla.org/groups/crt/2x2

First Grade

All by Myself	Mayer
Arthur Babysits	Brown
Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Martin
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Bridwell
Curious George	Rey
Danny and the Dinosaur	Hoff
Eat your peas, Louise	Hillert
Franklin's Bad Day	Bourgeois
Frog & Toad are Friends	Lobel
Henry & Mudge and the Wild Wind	Rylant
Kiss for Little Bear	Minarik
Peter's Chair	Keats
Rap A Tap Tap	Dillon

Series books your child will enjoy:

Clifford the Big Red Dog	Bridwell
Little Critter	Mayer
Rookie Readers	Hillert

Second Grade

Bill & Peet	de Paola
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Barrett
Diary of a Worm	Cronin
Friendship of Milly & Tug	Regan
Good-Bye Book	Viorst
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Numeroff
Imogene's Antler's	Small
Ira Sleeps Over	Waber
Miss Nelson is Missing	Allard
Nate the Great and the Sticky Case	Sharmat
Owen	Henkes
There's a Nightmare in my Closet	Mayer
Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle
Series books your child will enjoy:	
Junie B. Jones	Park
Amelia Bedelia	Parish
Berenstain Bears	Beranstain
Franklin	Bourgeois

Third Grade

Amazing Grace	Hoffman
Amber Brown Is Not A Crayon	Danziger
Charlotte's Web	White
Chocolate Touch	Catling
Circle of Gold	Boyd
Drinking Gourd	Monjo
Emperor and the Nightingale	Anderson
Freckle Juice	Blume
Great Kapok Tree	Cherry
How to Eat Fried Worms	Rockwell
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater
Poppy	Avi
Wednesday Surprise	Bunting
Verdi	Cannon
Whipping Boy	Fleischman
Series books your child will enjoy:	
Boxcar Children	Warner
Encyclopedia Brown	Sobol
Junie B. Jones	Park
Berenstain Bears	Berenstain

Fourth Grade

Because of Winn Dixie	DiCamillo
Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson
Ella Enchanted	Levine
Elmer and the Dragon	Gannett
Frindle	Clements
Gregor the Overlander	Collins
Holes	Sachal
Hoop Girlz	Bledsoe
Hundred Dresses	Estes
Little House on the Prairie	Wilder
Magician's Boy	Cooper
Maniac Magee	Spinelli
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	O'Brien
Shiloh	Naylor
Super Fudge	Blume
Tales of Despereaux	DiCamillo
Lawn Boy	Paulsen
White Star: A Dog on the Titanic	Crisp
Series books your child will enjoy:	
American Girls	Various authors
Hank the Cowdog	Erickson
Magic Treehouse	Pope

Fifth Grade

Afternoon of the Elves	Lisle
Among the Hidden	Haddix
Babysitting is a Dangerous Job	Davis
Black Beauty	Sewell
Chasing Vermeer	Balliett
Dragon Rider	Funke
Ghost Cadet	Alphin
Gorillas of Gill Park	Gordon
Hatchet	Paulsen
Light in the Forest	Richter
My Side of the Mountain	George
Old Yeller	Gipson
On My Honor	Bauer
Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls
Series books your child will enjoy:	
Mysteries in Our National Parks	various authors
Sports books by	Matt
Chronicles of Narnia	Lewis

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades

TITLE

AUTHOR

When the World Lets You Down

Begging for Change	Flake
Go Ask Alice	Anonymous
If You Come Softly	Woodson
No Laughter Here	Williams-Garcia
Uncle Ronald	Doyle
Walking on Air	Easton
Way a Door Closes	Smith
Wolves in the Walls	Gaiman

Laughing Through the Tears

Courtney Crumrin and the Night Things	Naifeh
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Gantos
Millicent Min: Girl Genius	Yee
Saffy's Angel	McKay
Seadogs: An Epic Ocean Operetta	Wheeler
Some of the Kinder Planets	Wynne-Jones

Who Am I if not My Family?

Blue Jasmine	Sheth
Coraline	Gaiman
Crispin	Avi
Cuba	Osa
Homeless Bird	Whelan
Hush	Woodson
If You Come Softly	Woodson
Inkheart	Funke
Pictures of Hollis Woods	Giff
Silent to the Bone	Konigsburg
Stitches	Huser
When My Name Was Keoko	Park

Decisions, Decisions (That's Not Fair!)

Chimpanzees I Love:	
Saving Their World and Ours	Goodall
City of Ember	DuPrau
Getting Away with Murder	Crowe
Heart of a Chief	Bruchac
Hoot	Hiaasen
House of the Scorpion	Farmer
Messenger	Lowry
Outcasts of 19 Schuyler	Konigsburg
Patrol: An American Soldier in Viet Nam	Myers
Stargirl	Spinelli

When You Have to be the Grownup

Al Capone Does My Shirts	Choldenko
Esperanza Rising	Ryan
Gregor the Overlander	Collins
Mud City	Ellis
Spirited Away	Mizayaki
Wolf on the Fold	Clarke

Coming of Age, Living and Dying

Bucking the Sarge	Curtis
Fallen Angels	Myers
Glory Field	Myers
Kira-Kira	Kadohata
Locomotion	Woodson
Olive's Ocean	Henkes
What Have You Lost?	Nye

SERIES TITLES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Artemis Fowl	Colfer
Bluford High	Langan & other authors
Breadwinner	Ellis
Charlie Bone	Nimo
Chronicles of Narnia	Lewis
Fear Street	Stine
Harry Potter	Rowling
Lord of the Rings	Tolkien
Princess Diaries	Cabot
Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket
Shadow Children	Haddix
Twilight	Meyer