









# Woonsocket Education Department



## Summer Reading for Parents and Students Entering Grades 1-5

**Success in school starts with reading.** The National Institute for Literacy suggests that parents make reading a part of every day for young children. The Woonsocket Education Department expects all students to read **a minimum of 25 books or book equivalents in a year**. In order to meet this standard, students are required to read **three books over the summer months**.

To help your child, you can:

-  Read to or with your child daily.
-  Share conversations with your child about the stories you read.
-  Play word games.
-  Visit the library often.
-  Read road signs, bulletin boards, and license plates on road trips.
-  Read with your child on the Internet.
-  Write notes of encouragement and notes about daily activities to your children.
-  Be a reader and writer yourself! Children learn habits from the people around them!

**Our Suggested Book List** is on the back of this notice to help you get started. Students may read **any book of their choice**. One of the primary reasons for summer reading is **to develop a habit of reading for enjoyment**. While parents should monitor and approve the choices of their children, it is not required that students read a specific genre, author or level. **Any teacher, school librarian, or public librarian can assist in choosing appropriate books.**

**Summer reading assignments are due on the first day of school. Choose an idea:**

- \*Written response
- \* Write or videotape an interview with a main character
- \*Travel brochure
- \* PowerPoint presentation
- \*Story board- pictures showing action in the story
- \*Diorama- scale model of the story in a box
- \*Cereal box report- pictures, characters, main idea, setting, problem all on box

**Read and enjoy! Students will receive credit for making progress toward the 2011-2012 reading requirement and participate in school-based celebrations.**

**Some Favorite Reading Sites on the Internet to Keep Your Child Learning:**

Starfall [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com), PBS [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org), Reading Rockets [www.readingrockets.com](http://www.readingrockets.com), Scholastic [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), ABCya! [www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com), Primary Games [www.primarygames.com](http://www.primarygames.com)

"The more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the smarter you grow. The smarter you grow, the stronger your voice, when speaking your mind or making a choice." Highsmith Bookmark/Poster Quote



**CLASSICS AGES 5 – 9!**

Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline

Brown, Marcia. Stone Soup

Carle, Eric. The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

dePaola, Tomie. Strega Nona.

Hoban, Russell. Bedtime for Frances.

Johnson, Crockett. Harold and the Purple Crayon.

Keats, Ezra Jack. The Snowy Day

*Kraus, Robert. Leo the Late Bloomer.*

*Lionni, Leo. Frederick.*

Lobel, Arnold. Frog and Toad Are Friends.

McDermott, Gerald. Anansi the Spider.

Milne, A.A.  
The House at Pooh Corner  
Now We Are Six  
When We Were Very Young  
Winnie-the-Pooh

Piper, Watty. The Little Engine That Could.

Rey, H.A. Curious George.

Sendak, Maurice. Where the Wild Things Are.

Dr. Seuss.  
*The Cat in the Hat*  
*One Fish, Two Fish*  
*Hop on Pop*

Slobodkina, Esphyr. Caps for Sale.

Steig, William. Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.

Viorst, Judith. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.

**GREAT POETRY!**

Love to Mamá

Anna Grossnickle Hines. *Pieces: A Year in Poems & Quilts*

John Updike. *A Child's Calendar*

Paul B. Janeczko. *A Poke in the I*

Jack Prelutsky. *The 20th Century Children's Poetry Treasury*

Jack Prelutsky – *Good Sports*

Hughes, Langston. *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems.*

Biographies and Autobiographies

*Kathryn Lasky; Georgia Rises (Georgia O'Keefe, artist)*

*Gene Barretta Now and Ben. (Ben Franklin, Inventor)*

*Mordicai Gerstein. The Man Who Walked Between Towers (Phillippe Petit, aerialist)*

*Nikki Giovanni; Rosa (Rosa Parks, civil rights hero)*

*Peter Sis. Starry Messenger (Galileo Galilei, scientist, mathematician)*

*Tanya Lee Stone. Elizabeth Leads the Way (Elizabeth Cady Stanton, women's rights hero)*

*Jessica Loy. When I Grow Up (A Young Person's Guide to Interesting and Unusual Occupations)*

*Don Brown. Bright Path (Jim Thorpe, athlete)*

*Jeanette Winter. Beatrix (Beatrix Potter, author)*

Judith St. George. Betsy Ross (*Betsy Ross, patriot*)

Roald Dahl. Boy (Autobiography, author)

**CLASSICS AGES 8 - 12!**

Aesop. *Fables*

Andersen, Hans Christian. Fairy Tales

Babbitt, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Secret Garden.

Edmonds, Walter D. The Matchlock Gun.

Farley, Walter. The Black Stallion.

Fitzhugh, Louise. Harriet the Spy.

George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain.

Gipson, Fred. *Old Yeller*

Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm. The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales

Henry, Marguerite. *Misty of Chincoteague.*

Kipling, Rudyard. The Jungle Books.

Lindgren, Astrid. Pippi Longstocking.

Lofting, Hugh. *Doctor Dolittle.*

Norton, Mary.

O'Brien, Robert C. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh.

Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia.*

Perrault, Charles. The Complete Fairy Tales

Dr. Seuss.  
*The Lorax*  
*Oh, The Places You'll Go*  
*The Butter Battle Book*

Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*

Sewell, Anna. Black Beauty.

Sharp, Margery. The Rescuers.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House on the Prairie*

Wyss, Johann. *Swiss Family Robinson*

