

Clifton Public Schools
"A Community of Learners"

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2011 Elementary Summer Reading Assignment (Gr. 1-2)

June 2011

Dear Parents/Students,

Summer reading has been a tradition and benefit for Clifton students in grades one to twelve for many years. Summer is the perfect time for students to reap the many rewards of independent reading. As educators, we realize the importance of reading throughout the school year and would like to encourage reading during the summer as a way for students to maintain reading levels and skills they have acquired within the school year. More importantly, we hope that by encouraging independent reading, students will experience the many joys of reading and become lifelong readers and learners.

As such, we have chosen book titles for summer reading that will appeal to a variety of student interests. The titles for the Summer Reading Experience 2011 are attached. We invite you to share the summer reading experience by reading to your child, with your child, or by simply letting your child read independently.

The Clifton Public Library will maintain multiple copies of titles that will be available for circulation beginning June 20th. Books may be borrowed from the library for twenty-one days. Students are responsible for these books and must have a library card to borrow the book. We encourage a prompt return of book for library circulation purposes.

Teachers will review with students the requirements for summer reading. Information can also be found on the Clifton Public Schools website, www.clifton.k12.nj.us. The activity sheet graphic organizer should be returned to the classroom teacher during the first week of school, September 6, 2011.

We strongly encourage students to read additional selections from the list to foster a life-long love of reading and invite them to wonder, imagine and explore life's endless possibilities.


We would like to extend our appreciation to you for your anticipated cooperation in encouraging your children to read.

Happy Reading!

Educationally yours,



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Summer Reading for Kids Going into Grade 1

Each child going into first grade in the Clifton Public Schools must read ANY of the following titles:

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| Alborough, J. | Where's My Teddy (and others) | E-Fic Alb |
| Asch, F. | Happy Birthday, Moon (and others) | E-Fic Asc |
| Aylesworth, J. | Little Bitty Mousie (and others) | E-Fic Ayl |
| Bourgeois, P. | Franklin Books | F-Fic Bou |
| Brett, J. | The Umbrella (and others) | E-Fic Bre |
| Burningham, J. | Mr. Gumpy's Outing (and others) | E-Fic Bur |
| Cannon, J. | Stellaluna (and others) | E-Fic Can |
| Capucilli, A. | Biscuit books Easy Readers | E-Fic Cap |
| Carle, E. | "Slowly, Slowly, Slowly," Said the Sloth (and others) | E-Fic Car |
| Cronin, D. | Duck for President (and others) | E-Fic Cro |
| DePaola, T. | Strega Nona (and others) | E-Fic DeP |
| Dodd, E. | Dog's Noisy Day (and others) | E-Fic Dod |
| Eastman, P.D. | Are You My Mother? (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Eas |
| Edwards, F. | New at the Zoo (and others) | E-Fic Edw |
| Ehlert, L. | Oodles of Animals (and others) | E-Fic Ehl |
| Freeman, D. | Corduroy (and others) | E-Fic Fre |
| Galdone, P. | The Magic Porridge Pot (and others) | E-Fic Gal |
| Hines, A. | Rumble Thumble Boom (and others) | E-Fic Hin |
| Hurd, T. | Art Dog (and others) | E-Fic Hur |
| Hutchins, P. | The Surprise Party (and others) | E-Fic Hut |
| Kasza, K. | Badger's Fancy Meal (and others) | E-Fic Kas |
| Keats, E. J. | A Letter to Amy (and others) | E-Fic Kea |
| Keller, H. | Geraldine First (and others) | E-Fic Kel |
| Kellogg, S. | Can I Keep Him? (and others) | E-Fic Kel |
| Kroll, S. | Jungle Bullies (and others) | E-Fic Kro |
| Lester, H. | A Porcupine Named Fluffy (and others) | E-Fic Les |
| Lionni, L. | Fish is Fish (and others) | E-Fic Lio |
| London, J. | Let's Go, Froggy! (and others) | E-Fic Lon |
| Martin, B. | Chicka Chicka Boom Boom A,B,C's (and others) | E-Fic Mar |
| McKee, D. | Elmer the Patchwork Elephant books | E-Fic McK |
| McMullan, K. | I Stink (and others) | E-Fic McM |
| Milgrim, D. | Ride, Otto, Ride (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Mil |
| Minarik, E. | Little Bear Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Min |
| Samuels, B. | Aloha Dolores (and others) | E-Fic Sam |
| Sendak, M. | Where the Wild Things Are (and others) | E-Fic Sen |
| Seuss, Dr. | The Cat in the Hat (and other Seuss Easy Readers) | E-Fic Seu |
| Shaw, N. | Sheep Take a Hike (and others) | E-Fic Sha |
| Sill, C. | "About" nature books (E577.53, E577.54, E598.47) | E598.9 Sil |
| Simmons, J. | Daisy Books (and others) | E-Fic Sim |
| Stoeke, J. | Minerva Louise (and others) | E-Fic Sto |
| Watt, M. | Scaredy Squirrel (and others) | E-Fic Wat |
| Wells, R. | Bunny Money (and others) | E-Fic Wel |
| Willems, M. | Elephant, Piggie and Pigeon Easy Readers | E-Fic Wil |
| Wilson, K. | Bear Snores On (and others) | E-Fic Wil |

The Children's Librarian will be happy to help you find other good books. The "and others" means that you can choose other titles by that author, too.



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Summer Reading for Kids Going into Grade 2

Each child going into second grade in the Clifton Public Schools must read ANY of the following titles:

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| Adler, D. | Young Cam Jansen Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Adl |
| Arnold, T. | Fly Guy Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Arn |
| Auch, M. | Souperchicken (and others) | E-Fic Auc |
| Barrett, J. | Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (and others) | E-Fic Bar |
| Bridwell, N. | Clifford Books | E-Fic Bri |
| Brown, M. | Arthur's Computer Disaster (and others) | E-Fic Bro |
| Byars, B. | Hooray for the Golly Sisters (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Bya |
| Cannon, A. E. | Pirate Pete and Pirate Joe books | E-Fic Can |
| Cazet, D. | Minnie and Moo Books (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Caz |
| Child, L. | Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Book? (and others) | E-Fic Chi |
| Chorao, K. | Up and Down with Kate (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Cho |
| Cole, J. | The Magic School Bus Books (E507.8, E551.6, E595.78) | E 599.4 Col |
| Cushman, D. | Aunt Eater Loves a Mystery (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Cus |
| Gibbons, G. | Exploring the Deep Dark Sea (and others) | E-Fic Gib |
| Gorbachev, V. | Dragon is Coming! (and others) | E-Fic Gor |
| Guest, E. | Iris and Walter books Easy Readers | E-Fic Gue |
| Henkes, K. | Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse (and others) | E-Fic Hen |
| Hest, A. | The Dog Who Belonged to No One (and others) | E-Fic Hes |
| Hoff, S. | Mrs. Brice's Mice (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Hof |
| Howe, J. | Houndsley and Catina Books Easy Readers | E-Fic How |
| Kessler, L. | Kick, Pass and Run (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Kes |
| Krensky, S. | Lionel at Large (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Kre |
| Kvasnosky, L. | Zelda and Ivy (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Kva |
| Lobel, A. | Frog and Toad Books (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Lob |
| Marshall, J. | George and Martha Books; Fox Books (and others) | E-Fic Mar |
| McDonald, M. | Beezy Books Easy Readers | E-Fic McD |
| McPhail, D. | Edward in the Jungle (and others) | E-Fic McP |
| Munsch, R. | Alligator Baby (and others) | E-Fic Mun |
| Murphy, S. | The Sundae Scoop (and others) | E-Fic Mur |
| Noble, T. | The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash (and others) | E-Fic Nob |
| Palatini, M. | Good as Goldie (and others) | E-Fic Pal |
| Parish, P. | Amelia Bedelia Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Par |
| Polacco, P. | Thunder Cake (and others) | E-Fic Pol |
| Porte, B. | Harry's Visit (and others) Easy Readers | E-Fic Por |
| Rey, H. A. | Curious George Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Rey |
| Rylant, C. | Henry and Mudge and Mr. Putter Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Ryl |
| Sharmat, M. | Nate the Great Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Sha |
| Silverman, E. | Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Sil |
| Simon, S. | Danger! Earthquakes (and others) (E523.4, E551.21) | E551.22 |
| Soto, G. | Chato's Kitchen (and others) | E-Fic Sot |
| Stevenson, J. | The Most Amazing Dinosaur (and others) | E-Fic Ste |
| Van Leeuwen, J. | Oliver and Amanda Books Easy Readers | E-Fic Van |
| Yolen, J. | Owl Moon (and others) | E-Fic Yol |

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NAME: _____

Book Title: _____

DIRECTIONS: Answer the five "W" questions: Who, What, When, Where, and Why. Then use the information you recorded to write a short summary about the book.

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| WHO? | WHAT? | WHEN? |
| WHERE? | | WHY? |
| SUMMARY | | |

Summer Reading Experience

Grades 1 and 2

Name: _____ Grade in September: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Where the story takes place (setting): _____

Characters: _____

Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story.



Did you like the story? (circle one)

