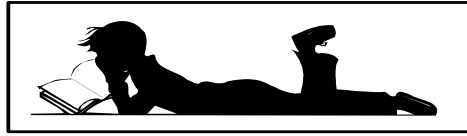


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May, 2018

Dear Parents,

All parents and educators want their children/students to be good readers. When school is in recess for the summer months, you have the opportunity to keep them reading by joining the Eagles Reading Program at Newberry Academy. This will help them retain the reading skills they have learned and actually learn more.

We implemented this program in 2004. It has been revised several times and we are doing so again. Our goal is to have a 100% completion rate. This would be a fantastic feat. The purpose of the program is to keep students reading over the summer months at their appropriate grade level. It is to encourage your child(ren) to read! (Parents you must help them to achieve this goal)

The books used for this list are set by national standards. The books are 50% on, 25% above and 25% below grade level of the participants. They are a wide variety of interest levels, topics, writing style, settings and may include some non-fiction titles as well as fiction. Many are from award winning books such as Caldecott, Newberry, ALA Notables are all excellent sources for potential lists candidates.

The attached form gives you an outline of the guidelines for what should be completed with each book. It also gives you a way to help your child break down the assignments so that they will not wait until the last minute. Only two books are required.

NOTE: Two books are required for a grade in your Language Arts Class.



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Program Guidelines!

Who: All new and returning NA students in grades 1-8.

What: Meet the guidelines (2 books are required)

How:

1. Choose 2 books from the reading lists.
2. Fill out and turn in the form.
3. The first few chapters of a book often contain a detailed description of the setting. Find a page with many setting details. List at least five specific details from the text.
4. List three characters in the book so far. Describe their physical appearance, importance to the story, and character traits.
5. Often, characters change as a result of events in a novel. Describe the changes that a character went through in this book.
6. Summary of the book. A couple of paragraphs should be sufficient.
7. Turn in the assignments stapled together with your name on it.
8. Take a Scholastic Reading Counts Test (if available) for grades 1-7.

Where: Any library or book store.

Battle of Books Team: If you are interested in being on the Battle of the Books team for 2018 you should read at least 4 books during the summer. You are only required to do the summary and questions on 2 books. The team will consist of 6-8 students this year. There will be practices during school to determine the top 6-8 that will make up the team. When school begins you will be expected to read more books so we can have a very strong team.

When: The NA library will be opened during office hours from 9-1 beginning June 4th and in the evenings on the following dates:



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June 5 5:30-6:30 pm
June 19 5:30-6:30 pm
July 10 5:30-6:30 pm

July 24 5:30-6:30 pm
August 5:30-6:30 pm

All NA library books are due by August 17. All requirements are due Friday, August 24. No late requirements will be accepted.

This year's theme is Follow the Beacon to a good book

Misc: the NA librarian or staff will evaluate all requirements.

Incentives:

1. T-shirts (Grades 3 and 4)
2. Have an impact on their grade. (2 books are required)
3. A certificate for completing the program
4. The power of words and reading
5. A head start in Scholastic Reading

All of this information will be available on our website www.newberryacademy.com sometime next week.

Have fun reading!

Sincerely,

Laurie Suber

PS. There is an attached sheet to keep track of the number of books that you read over the summer. See if you can beat me in that.

Date: _____

Name: _____



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Title of Book: _____ Author: _____

Genre (circle one)

Science Fiction Fantasy Realistic fiction Mystery
Historical Fiction Adventure Biography Thriller

Other: _____ **Total number of pages in book:** _____

To set a weekly reading goal, divide the number of pages in the book by 5. This is the number of pages that you will need to read each week to complete the book on time.

Week 1 _____ Week 2 _____ Week 3 _____ Week 4 _____

Why did you choose this book?

___ Recommended by a friend ___ Read other by same author ___ Liked cover
___ Recommended by an adult ___ Interesting title ___ Other

How do you think this book fits with your reading abilities?

___ Easy to read ___ Just right ___ A challenge!

Explain your choice:

These are suggested completion dates for each assignment:

_____ (Week 1) The first few chapters of a book often contain a detailed description of the setting. Find a page with many setting details. List at least five specific details from the text.

_____ (Week 2) List three characters in the book so far. Describe their physical appearance, importance to the story, and character traits.

_____ (Week 3) Often, characters change as a result of events in a novel. Describe the changes that a character went through in this book.
Also, what was your favorite (or least favorite) part of book?

_____ (Week 4) Summary of the book. A couple of paragraphs should be sufficient.



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Lower School Battle of the Books

Third Grade

Crenshaw	Applegate, Katherine	540L
The Secret School	Avi	610L
Roller Girl	Jamieson, Victoria	GN44L
Wild Wings	Lewis, Gill	600L
Secrets at Sea	Peck, Richard	600L
Frozen Stiff	Shahan, Sherry	710L

Fourth Grade

A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, ..	Cole, Henry	730L
Running out of Time	Haddix, Margaret	730L
Midnight Rider	Harlow, Joan Hiatt	720L
Slacker	Korman, Gordan	710L
Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	780L
The Kite Fighters	Park, Linda	DNF
Sideways Stories from Wayside School	Sachar, Louis	460L

Fifth Grade

The Indian in the Cupboard	Banks, Lynne	780L
The Tale of Despereaux 670L	DiCamillo, Kate	
Tuesdays at the Castle	George, Jessica Day	860L
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe	Lewis, C.S.	940L
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Stewart, Trenton	900L
The Trouble with Tuck	Taylor, Theodore	880L
A Crooked Kind of Perfect	Urban, Linda	730L

The students may read up if they desire and it will count toward their summer reading.



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This is the Lexile measures according to lexile.com

Grade	College and Career Ready Ranges*
1	190L to 530L
2	420L to 650L
3	520L to 820L
4	740L to 940L
5	830L to 1010L
6	925L to 1070L
7	970L to 1120L
8	1010L to 1185L
9	1050L to 1260L
10	1080L to 1335L
11 & 12	1185L to 1385L

