

May 20, 2008

Re: Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Bosque School! Even though the summer has just begun, already we are looking forward to the new school year with you. As you know, Bosque School is a special place, a community that values an attitude of learning. To emphasize the importance of that, we have a summer reading assignment for you as incoming sixth graders.

Reading is a critical skill to practice and master across the curriculum, but there is a time and place for reading for fun. It is our hope that you'll find an awesome book to read this summer.

You will find in this letter a list of wonderful books from which you may choose. There are many different genres, or types, of books to choose from, and we know you will find something interesting. Please read your book this summer, as you travel or hang out and relax. We recommend getting started sooner rather than later (a theme you'll hear over and over once school begins!). We'll share the cool things we're going to do with the book you read when you get to school in August.

So, find a book to enjoy, and have a terrific summer. We will see you in August!

Sincerely,

Sky Jenkins and Quentin Guy,  
on behalf of the Sixth Grade Team

Choose one of the following and read it by the beginning of school in August.

1. *A View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg  
Can four 6th graders win the state Academic Bowl?
2. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*  
Seeking to heal her ill son, field mouse Mrs. Frisby uncovers a secret scientific society.
3. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry  
Jonas makes an amazing discovery and uncovers a dark secret about his community.
4. *Define Normal* by Julie Anne Peters  
Opposites - an honors student and a punker - become friends.
5. *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt  
Winnie meets the Tuck family, who have discovered the secret of immortality.
6. *Dogsong* by Gary Paulsen  
A 14-year-old Eskimo boy takes a 1,400-mile journey by dog sled.
7. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine  
Cursed by a fairy with the "gift of obedience", Ella rebels.
8. *The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn* by Dorothy Hoobler  
Though brave, Seiki cannot be a samurai warrior.
9. *The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy  
A story of the Chicago fire of 1871.
10. *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli  
Leo meets Stargirl, a truly unique individual who turns his normal life inside out.

11. *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George  
An Eskimo girl is saved by a pack of wolves.
12. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis  
A lion is king and a wicked witch threatens.
13. *Midnight Magic* by Avi  
The servant boy of the magician Mangus in a tale of intrigue and mystery.
14. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle  
Meg must travel through time and space to save her brother and the earth.
15. *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* by Jennifer Armstrong  
Men attempt to cross Antarctica.
16. *Skellig* by David Almond  
Michael is faced with an ill baby sister and a magical winged creature.
17. *Come Back, Salmon* by Molly Cone  
School children set to work to repopulate a creek with fish.
18. *Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Giff  
The impact of WWII on an American girl and her refugee friend.
19. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George  
A boy's outdoor adventure in Catskill Mountains
20. The *Redwall* Series by Brian Jacques  
Fantasy adventures of animals fighting the battle of good vs. evil.
21. *Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech  
Abandoned twins, 13, go on adventures with an unusual foster family.
22. *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
The story of a young boy's love for a mistreated dog.
23. *Souder* by William H. Armstrong  
A young African-American matures with the help of his devoted dog.
24. *West from Home* by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Letters from the author to her husband.
25. *The Wish Giver* by Bill Brittain  
Three teens make wishes that come true in unexpected ways.