

PAUL BREAUX MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Dear PBMS Students and Families,

Summer is here, and we know that you are looking forward to fun and relaxation. We hope that part of that relaxation will include curling up with some good books. Studies demonstrate children who read during the summer have stronger reading and comprehension skills when they return to school in the fall. The more they read, the better they read. Another benefit of summer reading is developing a life long love of reading. The goal of summer reading at Paul BreauX Middle School is to promote and inspire an enjoyment of reading.

The PBMS summer reading program promotes student choice and encourages wide reading for enjoyment. Students are encouraged to explore their own reading interests and to read materials on their emotional and intellectual level.

We encourage you to visit our school web site at <http://www.lpssonline.com>. Click on "Schools", then "Middle", "PBMS", then "Library". Use AR Bookfinder for a list of recommended books on your level. You may search by different criteria if you wish. The Home Connect link also contains a list of recommended titles. Families can see all of the books students have read, date tested, and quiz scores. Students use current AR user name and password. While PBMS does not have a *required* summer reading list, English department faculty and our school librarian recommend the following young adult authors and series:

Authors

Anderson, Laurie Halse Avi	Dahl, Roald D'Lacey, Chris	Harrison, Lisi Hiaasen, Carl	Myers, Walter Dean Meyer, Stephenie	Smith, Roland Sonnenblick, Jordan
Brashares, Ann	Draper, Sharon	Horowitz, Anthony	Mikaelson, Ben	Spinelli, Jerry
Card, Orson Scott	Dessen, Sarah	Klise, Kate	Paolini, Christopher	Voight, Cynthia
Clark, Mary Higgins	Duncan, Lois	Korman, Gordon	Paulsen, Gary	Weeks, Sara
Cooney, Caroline	Funke, Cornelia	Lupica, Mike	Patterson, James	Wilson, Rawls
Creech, Sharon	Gaiman, Neil	Lewis, C.S.	Pierce, Tamora	
Curtis, Christopher	Green, Tim	Lowry, Lois	Riordan, Rick	
Crutcher, Chris	Hahn, Mary Downing	McDaniel, Lurlene	Ritter, John	

Series

Alex Rider by Horowitz
All American Girl by Meg Cabot
Artemis Fowl By Erin Colfer
Bluford by Langan, Schraff, Kern
Clique by Lisi Harrison
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline Cooney
Gregor by Suzanne Collins
Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Lord of the Rings by J.R.R.Tolkien
Maximum Ride by James Patterson
Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan
Redwall by Brian Jacques
Shadow Children by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares
Seekers by Erin Hunter
Uglies by Scott Westerfield
Vladimir Todd by Heather Brewer
Warriors by Erin Hunter
39 Clues (different authors)

**** IMPORTANT:** Students should keep a list of book titles and authors read this summer. At the beginning of the school year, English teachers may have students test on the summer reading books students have read that are AR. Teachers also may reward students for reading this summer by giving extra credit for book talks and student-led book projects (ie. Powerpoint, Xtranormal, Prezi, brochures, posters, dioramas, journals, web pages, book reviews) that explore themes, deeper understandings, and connections to summer reading novels. We look forward to seeing what students create!

Summer Reading Tips for Families:

- Get your child a library card to use.
- Get involved in the public library's summer reading program.
- Appreciate all books your child selects, even ones that seem too "easy".
- Be a reader yourself.
- Help your child set a realistic goal for the summer.
- Reward your child for meeting his or her goal.

NOTE: The attached brochure, *Summer Reading Grades 6-8*, is from the state department. It includes valuable web site resources and a booklist and complements the PBMS Summer Reading Program.