

BMS Summer Reading Program



Summer is here, and we know you and your family are looking forward to a summer filled with fun and relaxation. We hope part of that fun and relaxation includes reading. Inside this brochure is a list of suggested books. It is intended to help your child find good books on his or her grade level; however, students are not limited to this list. We wish you a summer filled with fun, relaxation, and reading!

What do I have to DO?

- Read at least three books on or close to your reading level.
- Record each book on the reading log and return the log to your English teacher the first week of school.

What's in it for ME?

- Ice cream party in August
- Get a head start on your required reading for the first nine weeks.
- Stronger reading and comprehension skills
- Develop a life-long love of reading



When can I take an AR QUIZ?

The BMS library will be open one day in June and one day in July for AR testing. You will be notified about the time and date through a PACE call.



Logs are available at

- <http://www.lpssonline.com/site243.php>
- Broussard Middle School
- Broussard branch of the public library

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Wild about Reading



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6th Grade Summer Reading List 2015



The Real Deal—Realistic Fiction

The Fizzy Whiz Kid (Maiya Williams) (4.8): Moving to Hollywood with his academic parents, 11-year-old Mitch feels like an outsider in his school where everyone has connections to the entertainment industry, until he is cast in a soda commercial that launches a popular catchphrase.

The Mother-Daughter Book Club (Heather Vogel Frederick) (4.6): When the mothers of four sixth-grade girls with very different personalities pressure them into forming a book club, they find, as they read and discuss *Little Women*, that they have much more in common than they could have imagined.

Ninth Ward (Jewel Parker Rhodes) (3.3): In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanessa, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

One for the Murphys (Lynda Mullaly Hunt) (3.4): Carly Connors is a beaten down, jaded, kind of bitter, but truly sweet girl. She's had a rough life, gone through more than any child should. But all that begins to change when she meets her foster parents, the Murphys.



Twisted Fairy Tales—Well Known Fairy Tales

Told with a Twist

Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin (Liesl Shurtliff) (4.4): This story relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a firstborn child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.

A Tale Dark and Grimm (Adam Gidwitz) (4.6): This book follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering wicked creatures such as witches, as well as kindly strangers and other helpful folk.

For Animal Lovers



Lunchbox and the Aliens (Bryan W. Fields) (4.9): Lunchbox is an ordinary basset hound, until he is abducted by aliens, zapped by a mental enhancer, and sent back to convert Earth's garbage into food, a task that would be easier if he had opposable thumbs or at least tentacles.

Notes from a Liar and Her Dog (Gennifer Choldenko) (3.8): Eleven-year-old Ant, stuck in a family that she does not like, copes by pretending that her "real" parents are coming to rescue her, by loving her dog Pistachio, by volunteering at the zoo, and by telling lies.

The One and Only Ivan (Katherine Applegate) (3.6): When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant recently added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.



I'm a Survivor—Action and Adventure Books

The Fourth Stall (Chris Rylander) (5.1): Mac and his best friend Vince can get anything they need, until one Monday when a third grader needs protection and they soon realize they need help and there is no one to help them.

Getting Air (Dan Gutman) (4.1): After foiling a terrorist hijacking aboard their airplane, thirteen-year-old Jimmy, his younger sister, and two skateboarding friends crash-land the plane and try to survive in a forest wilderness until help arrives.

Heck: Where the Bad Kids Go (Dale E. Basye) (6.0): When timid Milton and his older sister Marlo die in a marshmallow bear explosion at Grizzly Mall, they are sent to Limbo, the first of the Nine Circles of Heck, from which they are determined to escape.

I Survived: The Attacks of September 11, 2001 (Lauren Tarshis) (4.5): On a whim, Lucas takes the train into the city to tell his biggest fan that he is not going to play football anymore, but everything changes when the Twin Towers are attacked.

NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society (Michael Buckley) (5.3): While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world.



It's a Mystery to Me!

Cold Case (Julia Platt Leonard) (3.3): When thirteen-year-old Oz Keiller finds a dead body in his family's Santa Fe, New Mexico, restaurant, he is determined to solve the mystery in which his older brother is implicated, but which also involves their long-dead father.

Something Upstairs (Avi) (4.1): When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.

The Medusa Plot (Gordon Korman) (5.3): Dan and Amy thought the search for the 39 clues leading to the source of their family's power was over, but when Cahills are kidnapped by the Vespers, Amy and Dan find themselves with only a few days to fulfill a bizarre ransom request.



Get Into the Game

Baseball Great (Tim Green) (5.1): All twelve-year-old Josh wants to do is play baseball, but when his father, a minor league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences.

Home Court (Amar'e Stoudemire) (4.4): When an older group of boys start bullying his friends on the basketball court, Amar'e is forced to step in and use his athletic ability and intelligence to save the day.