

Announcing the



White Township School Summer Reading Program

Dear Parents,

Summer is a time to relax and have fun, and it is also an excellent time for you to encourage your child to read for knowledge and enjoyment. The White Township School Reading Program, "Lunch in the Library," rewards children for their efforts in reading during the summer. Students in grades 1-6 (next year) are eligible to take part in the program.

To participate, students should keep a record of the books they read during the summer months. Students may also include books they read with someone else or books that are read to them. Books read for the Warren County Library summer program or other library programs may also be included. The title, author, number of pages, and number of chapters, if appropriate, must be recorded on the form which is provided. (Feel free to use lined paper or download extra forms from the school website at <http://www.whitetwpsd.org>)

By September 11, 2009, the summer reading lists should be given to the student's homeroom teacher or returned to the library. Using a formula, each list will then be reviewed by a group of teachers and me to determine the amount of "Lunch in the Library" time earned by each student. (It is very important to include the number of pages and number of chapters read because this will help in calculating "Lunch in the Library" time.)

"Lunch in the Library" gives students a chance to spend some time reading, relaxing, visiting with friends, watching a video, listening to music, working on puzzles, or playing games during their lunch period. The more a student reads, the more "Lunch in the Library" time he/she earns.

You can visit the school library website or use the links below for lists and tools to help with book selection. According to Beverly Beckham of *The Boston Globe*, “Reading lists are a lot like vanilla ice cream, a staple of summer. But which to choose? Creamy or fat-free? Cup or cone? Plain or sugar? Fiction or nonfiction?” Take a look at the suggested reading lists and choose a “flavor!” Why not choose something new? If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me. Enjoy your summer vacation and keep on reading!

Sincerely,

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- ❖ Summer reading lists by grade:
http://www.educationworld.com/summer_reading/
- ❖ Tool to help find a book that’s just right!
http://www.bookadventure.org/ki/bs/ki_bs_helpfind.asp
- ❖ Books and reviews, authors, and Children’s Book Choice Awards:
<http://www.kidsreads.com/>
- ❖ 88 Great Reads from Judy Freeman:
http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/endyear/88_great_reads.htm
- ❖ Peggy Sharp’s picks for books that are well-written, popular, appropriate and unique from 2008:
<http://www.peggysharp.com/peggysharp/picks.htm>
- ❖ Warren County Library System:
<http://www.warrenlib.com/>
- ❖ Selection of summer reading lists:
http://childrensbooks.about.com/od/forparents/tp/summer_reading.htm
- ❖ Summer reading lists of books published within the last year:
<http://www.hbook.com/resources/books/summer.asp>