Berkeley Hall School Summer Reading

2008 — FIFTH GRADE

Read a minimum of FIVE books over the summer.
• ONE specific title is required.
• THREE more titles are to be chosen from the following list.
• ONE title is your choice.
• Please fill out the “Summer Reading Summaries” forms and return them to your teacher the first week of school.
• Have fun!

REQUIRED READING
Be prepared to discuss and write about the following book when you return to school.

SIGN OF THE BEAVER
Elizabeth G. Speare

Choose THREE from the following list:

THE CAY
Theodore Taylor
After the freighter on which Phillip and his mother were traveling from wartime Curacao to the U.S. is torpedoed, the boy finds himself dependent on an old West Indian for survival.

THE BOGGART
Susan Cooper
After visiting the castle in Scotland which her family has inherited and returning home to Canada, twelve-year-old Emily finds that she has accidentally brought back with her a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

JULIE OF THE WOLVES
Jean Craighead George
While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.
NO TALKING  Andrew Clements
The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

A WEEK IN THE WOODS  Andrew Clements
The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.

TUCK EVERLASTING  Natalie Babbitt
The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

TIME STOPS FOR NO MOUSE  and others in series  Michael Hoeye
When Linka Perflinger, a jaunty mouse, brings a watch into his shop to be repaired and then disappears, Hermux Tantamoq is caught up in a dangerous search for eternal youth as he tries to find out what happened to her.

STEALING HOME  or others by this author  Matt Christopher
Joey is sure he will not get along with the exchange student from Nicaragua who is staying with his family for a year, but they find common ground on the baseball field.

BABE & ME  or others by this author  Dan Gutman
With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that home run in the third game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.

THE SECRET GARDEN  Frances Hodgson Burnett
A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors where she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.
REDWALL and others in this series  
Brian Jacques
When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

THE PENDERWICKS  
Jeanne Birdsall
While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.
  sequel: THE PENDERWICKS ON GARDAM STREET

CHASING VERMEER  
Blue Balliett
When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH  
Robert C. O’Brien
With nowhere else to turn, a field mouse asks the clever escaped lab rats living under the rosebush to help save her son, who lies in the path of the farmer's tractor, too ill to be moved.

UNDER THE BLOOD RED SUN  
Graham Salisbury
Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

LOVE THAT DOG  
Sharon Creech
A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX  
Kate DiCamillo
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.
GREGOR THE OVERLANDER and others in this series

Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS

Lemony Snicket

Tales of three likable, resilient, and unfortunate Baudelaire orphans, Violet, Klaus, and Sunny, in search of a home--stories that are literary and irreverent, hilarious and deftly crafted.

DK EYEWITNESS – you may choose one from this series

THE PEOPLE COULD FLY:

AMERICAN BLACK FOLKTALES

Virginia Hamilton

Retells twenty-four African-American folktales of animals, fantasy, the supernatural, and desire for freedom, each followed by a note explaining its history and meaning.
words should be required reading for anyone in the justice system." That is what Anne Darley has been fighting so hard for, one of many
forced to endure an agonising wait for answers. FAI welcome, but wait was unacceptable; The Voice of the North. I think this book
should be required reading for anybody who thinks working for a startup in Silicon Valley would be fun. Let's Create a TV Show to Fix
Silicon Valley. Required reading definition: If you say that something is required reading for a particular group of people, you mean |
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mean that you think it is essential for them to read it because it will give them information which they should have. It is an important
report that should be required reading for every MP. [+ for]. See full dictionary entry for require. COBUILD Advanced English Dictionary.
Books shelved as required-reading: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Romeo and Juliet by
William Shakespeare (shelved 410 times as required-reading) avg rating 4.28 â€“ 4,868,823 ratings â€“ published 1960. Want to
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Required reading is here. If you know synonyms for Required reading, then you can share it or put your rating in listed similar words.
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READING in a sentence? What are synonyms for REQUIRED READING? Literature which must be read for an educational course or
in order to gain an understanding of a subject; specifically reading which is essential for a person in a particular position or occupation.
Origin. Late 19th century; earliest use found in Southwestern Christian Advocate (New Orleans).