

Start a summer reading book club with your friends

Talking about books is a great way to increase your enjoyment! You can even invite your parents or siblings to join your discussions.

Here are a few tips to get your club started:

- Use sticky notes to mark passages that you want to discuss so they will be easy to find.
- Make up questions for discussion or use some of these:

Narrative Text

- If you could be one character, who would you want to be?
- Could you think of another way your story might have happened?
- Have you ever been to a place like this?
- Do you think there is a message in this story? What is it?
- Would you read more books by this author? Why or why not?
- What type of book (genre) is this?

Expository Text

- What did you enjoy learning most?
- Would you read more books on this topic? Why or why not?
- What questions would you ask the author?
- What pictures or illustrations did you find most interesting?

Remember to have fun!

Summer Reading

Suggested reading for students entering:
6•7•8 in 2009



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Dear Reader,

The titles suggested in this summer reading list were selected according to the forms of literature you will encounter during the next school year. In middle school, you will be reading a variety of literature including poetry, folk tales, tall tales, fables, fantasy, science fiction, realistic fiction, mystery, and biographies.

These suggested titles represent multicultural diversity and a range of reading from easy to more challenging. All of these titles were chosen because of their high interest appeal to middle school readers.

This list was compiled in cooperation with the Anne Arundel County Public Library. Please visit your local branch of the library to locate these books. Many of the authors listed have written other interesting books. You may ask the librarian to recommend other books for you to read. You may also visit local bookstores to purchase many of these titles for your own collection.

Included is a reading log where you can record and rate your summer reading selections. There is also a list of suggestions for book club activities and some websites for reading suggestions.

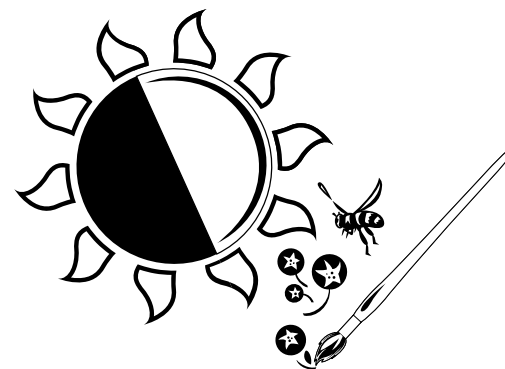
Remember that—

• All reading need not be difficult.

- You can develop fluency and improve your rate of reading with “fun” books.
- Some books with familiar vocabulary and style reveal surprisingly complex themes and ideas.

• Non-fiction is great!

- Expand your background knowledge and vocabulary with newspapers, magazines, biographies, and informational books.



Happy Reading!

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