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"TV. If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book." ~Author Unknown

Dear Parents,

As you know the summer months are upon us and while we are all looking forward to the warm, relaxing summer days, we need to ensure that our students are doing their best to retain the reading skills they acquired in the course of this school year.

To ensure a smooth transition into the next school year and to avoid the inevitable summer slide, please find the suggested summer reading lists below. The Big Apple Academy's English Language Arts curriculum is fully aligned to the Common Core curriculum and adhering to the following reading list will facilitate your child's continued transition to the new standards.

Please note that we are not specifying how many books should be read because we know that the more your child will read this summer, the greater will be his/her success in the next school year. Therefore, we ask you to help us and encourage your child to read daily. Attached to this letter, you will find a reading log which must be maintained on a daily basis. For every day that your child reads, a log entry must be made to designate the specific number of pages your child read on any certain day. Logging in a book after it has been completed does not show us the progress and pace at which your child read. The completed reading log should have approximately 40 logged entries which represent your child's and your involvement in the summer reading. Your child will be required to submit his/her reading list at the start of the new school year.

### **Please note the following requirements for the 2016-2017 school year:**

ALL students of Grades 3-8 are required to acquire a copy of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary to be used on a daily basis throughout the school year.



Happy Readings!

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**Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 4**

**STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO READ AT LEAST 4 TITLES**

Title	Author
Owen & Mzee	Hatkoff, Craig, et. al.
What to Do About Alice	Kerley, Barbara
Bones	Jenkins, Steve
Patience Wright	Shea, Peggy Deitz
Hands Around the Library	Roth, Susan L.
The Buzz on Bees	Rotnere, Shelley, et. al.
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793	Murphy, Jim
Help! Somebody Get me out of Fourth Grade!	Henry Winkler
Bad News for Outlaws	Nelson Mischeaux Vaunda
Kneeknock Rise	Natalie Babbitt
American Tall Tales	Osborne, Mary Pope
The Little Prince	Antoine Saint- Exupery
M.C.Higgins, The Great	Virginia Hamilton
The Most Beautiful Place in the World	Ann Cameron
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume
Weslandia	Paul Fleischman
The White Giraffe	Lauren St.John
Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini	Fleischman, Sid
The Junkyard Wonders	Polacco,. Patricia
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul
Redwoods	Chin, Jason
Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon
The Birchbark House	Erdrich Louise
Lost and Found	Andrew Clements
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry
The Skull of Truth	Bruce Coville
Thank you, Jackie Robinson	Barbara Cohen
The Whipping Boy	Sid Fleischman
The Battle for the Castle	Elizabeth Winthrop
The Forgotten Door	Alexander Key
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	J.K. Rowling
The Knights of the Kitchen Table	Jon Scieszka
The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Beverly Cleary
No Flying in the House	Betty Brock
The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups	David Wisniewski



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## SUMMER READING LOG

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

BOOK TITLE	GENRE	AUTHOR(S)	DATE WHEN READ	NUMBER OF PAGES	PARENT'S SIGNATURE

**This Summer Reading Log is DUE on the first day of class. Please make additional copies of the Reading Log as needed.**

