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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 6

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO READ AT LEAST 4 TITLES

Title	Author
The Incredible Journey	Sheila Burnford
Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
Gathering Blue	Lois Lowry
The Thief	Megan Whalen Turner
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
The Building of Manhattan	Mackay, Donald
The Dark Is Rising	Susan Cooper
Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Illiad	Rosemary Sutcliff
Dragonwings	Laurence Yep
Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer	John Grisham
A Stone in My Hand	Cathryn Clinton
My Life with the Chimpanzees	Jane Goodall
The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure	Hans Magnus Enzensberger
The Island	Gary Paulsen
Summer of My German Soldier	Bette Greene
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
The Complete Chronicles of Narnia	C.S.Lewis
Belle Prater's Boy	Ruth White
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin
Holes	Louis Sachar
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
The Dreamer	Pam Munoz Ryan
The Wednesday Wars	Gary D. Schmidt
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Gennifer Choldenko
The Penderwicks	Jeanne Birdsall
What I Saw and How I Lied	Judy Blundell
The Canning Season	Polly Horvath
The View from Saturday	E.L. Konigsburg
The Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman



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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.