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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, please find the suggested summer reading list 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 the 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.

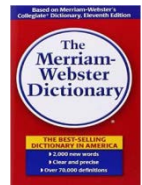
### **Please note the following requirements for the 2015-2016 school year:**

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 5

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

Title	Author
Chasing Vermeer	Blue Balliett
Everything on a Waffle	Polly Horvath
The Girl Who Could Fly	Victoria Forester
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Stewart
Olive's Ocean	Kevin Henkes
Pictures of Hollis Woods	Patricia Reilly Giff
Ragweed	Avi
The Secret Garden	Frances Burnett
Shiloh	Phyllis Naylor
Souder	William Armstrong
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
The Young Man and the Sea	Philbrick Rodman
Old Yeller	Fred Gipson
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
Albert Einstein: A Life of Genius	Elizabeth MacLeod
The Tree of Life	Peter Sis
The Hero	Ron Woods
The Kite Fighters	Linda Sue Park
Beardance	Will Hobbs
The Perilous Road	William O.Steele
Promises To The Dead	Mary Downing Hahn
The Black Cauldron	Lloyd Alexander
The Castle in the Attic	Elizabeth Winthrop
Inkheart	Cornelia Funke
Midnight for Charlie Bone	Jenny Nimmo
Peter and the Starcatchers	Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Princess Academy	Shannon Hale
Redwall	Brian Jacques
Mockingbird	Kathryn Erskine
The Stonekeeper	Kazu Kibuishi
Warrior's Refuge	Erin Hunter
The Fairy Tale Detectives	Michael Buckley
Matilda	Roald Dahl
Swindle	Gordon Korman
Holes	Louis Sachar

