



Township of Union Public Schools 2016 Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Students and Parents,

As we get closer to our summer vacation, one of the things you might want to consider is to set a summer reading goal. Yes!! READ!! **Welcome to the Annual Township of Union Public Schools' Summer Reading Challenge!**

Research on reading shows that if you don't keep reading over the summer, your reading level may drop when you return to school in September! However, if you keep "exercising" your "reading muscles" throughout the summer, you will develop "reading stamina", and you will more than likely continue to get smarter. **I am challenging each and every student to read at least four books over the summer.**

After you finish reading a book, log it on the chart and don't forget to have a parent or another guardian sign next to the date that you finished reading. Show your teacher the completed chart when we return to school in September. All summer reading challenge logs will be collected beginning the first day of school. The last day you may submit them is Friday, September 9th. **Each student who reads a minimum of four books will receive a certificate from their teacher.**

Attached to this letter you will also find a suggested list of books to read over the summer. Please note the different lists for each grade level. These lists will also be posted on the district web site.

Thank you so much for participating in the Summer Reading Challenge! I wish you a relaxing and fun-filled summer vacation, and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Happy Reading,

Robert Ghiretti

Supervisor of Language Arts/Social Studies

Please Note: In addition to the voluntary Summer Reading Challenge, students entering grades 3, 4, & 5 also have mandatory summer reading which involves reading a book and completing an activity pertaining to that book. Students entering grade 6 must read Esperanza Rising and take a test about this book on September 13th.





Name: _____

2016 Summer Reading Challenge Log
Students Entering Grade Three
Return to Your Teacher No Later Than September 9th

Book Title	Author	Date Completed	Parent or Guardian Signature
The Dog that Stole Home	Matt Christopher		
Math Curse	Jon Scieszka		
I and You and Don't Forget Who: What is a Pronoun?	Brian P. Cleary		
Dexter the Tough	Margaret Peterson Haddix		
Babe the Gallant Pig	Dick King-Smith		
Where the Sidewalk Ends	Shel Silverstein		
Homer Price	Robert McCloskey		
Satchel Paige	Lesia Cline-Ransome		
Ramona the Brave	Beverly Cleary		
Cinderella (As if You Didn't Already Know the Story)	Barbara Ensor		
Roxie and the Hooligans	Phyllis Naylor		
Whatever Happened to Patrick's Dinosaurs?	Carol Carrick		
Chocolate Fever	Robert Kimmel Smith		
Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth?	Louis Sachar		
Dear Max	Sally Grindley		
Fantastic Mr. Fox	Roald Dahl		

Note: If you are unable to read the books from the list, select any book that is on your grade level, and fill in the information on the chart. **Please do not include the mandatory summer reading book on this log.**





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2016 Summer Reading Challenge Log
Students Entering Grade Four
Return to Your Teacher No Later Than September 9th

Book Title	Author	Date Completed	Parent or Guardian Signature
Mudshark	Gary Paulsen		
The Wish Giver	Bill Brittain		
The Report Card	Andrew Clements		
Summer Reading is Killing Me	John Scieszka		
The Earth Dragon Awakes	Laurence Yep		
Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls: Moving Day (Book 1)	Meg Cabot		
The Family Under the Bridge	Natalie Savage Carlson		
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo		
The School Story	Andrew Clements		
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom	Louis Sachar		
The Liberation of Gabriel King	K.L. Going		
Loser	Jerry Spinelli		
Soccer Scoop	Matt Christopher		
The Homework Machine	Dan Gutman		
Knights of the Kitchen Table	John Scieszka		
The Mayor of Central Park	Avi		
Fourth Grade Rats	Jerry Spinelli		

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2016 Summer Reading Challenge Log
Students Entering Grade Five
Return to Your Teacher No Later Than September 9th

Book Title	Author	Date Completed	Parent or Guardian Signature
Peak	Roland Smith		
Runt	Marion Dane Bauer		
Million Dollar Throw	Mike Lupica		
The BFG	Roald Dahl		
Danny, Champion of the World	Roald Dahl		
Jason's Gold	Will Hobbs		
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen		
The Anybodies	N. E. Bodie		
Deliver Us From Normal	Kate Klise		
Elijah of Buxton	Christopher Curtis		
Dog Sense	Sneed B. Collard		
The Underdogs	Mike Lupica		
No More Dead Dogs	Gordon Kormer		
Off and Running	Gary Soto		

Note: If you are unable to read the books from the list, select any book that is on your grade level, and fill in the information on the chart. **Please do not include the mandatory summer reading book on this log.**





2016 Summer Reading Challenge Log
Students Entering Grade Six
Return to Your English Teacher No Later Than September 9th

Name: _____

Book Title	Author	Date Completed	Parent or Guardian Signature
What the Dickens: The story of the Rogue Tooth Fairy	Gregory Maguire		
The Prince of Mist	Carlos Ruiz Zafron		
Shiloh	Phyllis Naylor		
Jackie and Me	Dan Gutman		
Flipped	Wendelin Van Draanen		
Shoeless Joe and Me	Dan Gutman		
Letters From Rifka	Karen Hesse		
A Gift of Magic	Lois Duncan		
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Jack Gantos		
Titanic: The Long Night	Diane Hoh		
Travel Team	Mike Lupica		
Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You	Barthe DeClements		

Note: If you are unable to read the books from the list, select any book that is on your grade level, and fill in the information on the chart. **Please do not include the mandatory summer reading book on this log.**

