

Doane Academy
2011 Summer Reading List
for students entering **Fifth & Sixth Grades**



June 2011

Dear Parents:

There is no pursuit more valuable or rewarding for children than reading. As children read, they develop vital verbal skills. Equally important, they encounter new experiences, new ideas and issues, new people, new emotions. Reading expands options, feeds the imagination and teaches thinking. Through reading, children come to know their world and themselves a little better.

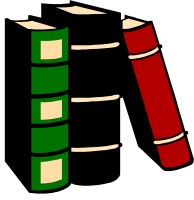
The suggested reading lists we have developed for the Lower School are designed both for summer and for supplementary reading during the year. We have sought to make the selections appropriate for each grade. You will find, however, that the books do range in level of challenge and subject matter, and we strongly encourage you to help your children select those books best suited to their interests and reading skills.

Our goal in providing these suggested readings is to encourage the habit of reading for pleasure, not to generate book reports or graded exercises. What children read is less important than the act of reading and the enjoyment that reading brings. The more children read for pleasure, the more they will want to read, and growth in reading speed, comprehension, and confidence will surely follow.

Reading can be a marvelous sharing experience. Encourage your children to talk about what they have read. Your interest will feed their excitement. You may even wish to read some of the selections yourselves!

Happy Reading!

The Lower School Faculty



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ALL FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

This summer, students entering the fifth grade will be required to read the novel Maniac Magee, by Jerry Spinelli. I've enclosed a reflection log where your child will be required to keep track of his/her thoughts about the various characters within the story. The reflection log will be due the first day of school so please make sure to bring your book and the log.

Please encourage your child to read at least 2 other books this summer. The books that your child chooses should be appealing and fun to read.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy the reading!

Mrs. Peggy Majane

ALL SIXTH GRADE PARENTS

Students entering sixth grade are required to read **two** books from the Battle of the Books list, (whether or not you are interested in taking part in the Battle of the Books). You have a choice of reading **either** Hoot, by Carl Hiaasen **or** Chasing Redbird, by Sharon Creech. **You are to choose one other book from the Battle of the Books list as your second required reading selection.** A Reflection Log for each book and a blank log for your choice book have been included in this packet. Please have your child fill out the logs appropriate for the chosen books. The Reflection Logs will be due the first day of school. We will also be doing an in-class assignment using the books. **Please be sure your child brings the Reflection Logs and the books they read on the first day of school.**

All students should read at least two other books during the summer. These can be from the enclosed lists or books of your choosing. Anyone who is interested in being considered for the Battle of the Books team should try to read as many of the books on the Battle of the Books list as possible.

Have a Happy Summer and Happy Reading!

Mrs. Marsha Silcox



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Mysteries and Adventures

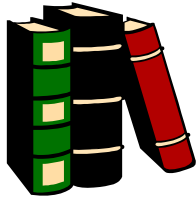
A Wrinkle in Time and other Madeleine L'Engle books
Alice Whipple, Fifth Grade Detective by Laurie Adams and Allison Coudert
Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective by Donald Sobol
Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes
Horror at the Haunted House by Peg Kehret
Hercule Poirot Mysteries by Agatha Christie
Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Julie and Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
The Half Moon Inn by Paul Fleishman
The House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton
The Melendy Family Series (The Saturdays, The Four-Story Mistake,
Then There Were Five, Spiderweb for Two: A Melendy Maze) by Elizabeth Enright
The Shoes Series by Noel Streatfeild
The Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth Speare
Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright

Humorous

Canterburg Tales by Robert McCloskey
First of the Penguins by Mary Q. Steele
Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka
Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great by Judy Blume
Sixth Grade Secrets by Louis Sachar
Stuart Little by E. B. White
The Cat Ate My Gymsuit by Paula Danzinger
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
There's a Girl in My Hammock by Jerry Spinelli

Historical Fiction

Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery
Back to Paul Revere by Beatrice Gormley
Beyond the Myth: The Story of Joan of Arc by Polly S. Brooks
Lyddie by Katherine Paterson
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper
Rifles for Waitie by Harold Kieth
Shakespeare's Scribe by Gary Blackwood



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Historical Fiction (Continued)

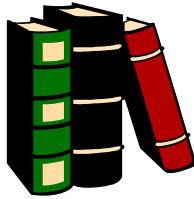
The Bloody Country My Brother Sam is Dead James and Christopher Collier
The Fighting Ground by Avi
The House of Sixty Fathers by Meindert DoJong
The Illyrian Adventure (and other books) by Lloyd Alexander
The Incredible Journey of Lewis and Clark by Rhoda Blumberg
The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
Tournament of Knights by Joe Lasker

Folklore, Myths, Legends, Fairy Tales, Fantasies

Afternoon of the Elves by Janet Taylor Lisle
Any Harry Potter Books by J. K. Rowling
Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Windsor
Cow-Tail Switch and Other West African Stories by Harold Courlander
Five Children and It by E. Nesbit
Girl Who Cried Flowers and Other Tales by Jane Yolen
Golden Fleece and the Heroes Who Lived Before Achilles by Padraic Colum
King Arthur: Tales of the Round Table by Andrew Lang
Mattimeo by Brian Jaques (any of the Redwall series)
Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Roger Lancelyn Green
Moss Flower by Brian Jacques & other Brian Jacques Fantasies
Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz
Some Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle
Tales of Uncle Remus: The Adventures of Brer Rabbit by Julius Lester
The Book of Dragons by E. Nesbit
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
The Dark Rising by Susan Cooper
The People Could Fly by Virginia Hamilton
The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle by Hugh Lofting
Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

Biographies and Autobiographies

Abe Lincoln Grows Up by Carol Sandburg
Amelia Earhart: Aviation Pioneer by Roxanne Chadwick
Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Custer and Crazy Horse: A Story of Two Warriors by Jim Razzi
Daniel Boone by James Daugherty
Harriet Tubman by Ann Petry
John Paul Jones - Hero of the Seas by Keith Brandt
Kids with Courage by Barbara Lewis
My Life as an Astronaut by Alan Bean



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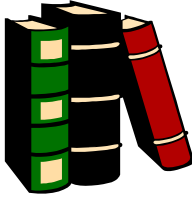
My Life With the Chimpanzee Jane Goodall
The American Revolutionaries by Milton Meltzer
Thomas Alva Edison: Young Inventor by Louis Sabin

Feelings, Values, Family, Friends

California Blue by David Klass
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
Devil's Bridge by Cynthia DeFelice
Letters from Rifka by Karen Hesse
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson
The Kid in the Red Jacket by Barbara Park (and other titles by Barbara Park)
The Man Who Loved Clowns by Jane Wood
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear by Lensky Namioka

Poetry

A New Treasury of Children's Poetry collected by Joanna Cole
Haiku, The Mood of the Earth by Ann Atwood
Of Quarks, Quasars and Other Quirks Quizzical Poems for the Supersonic Age
by Sara and John Brewton
Other suggested Poets: Shel Silverstein, Emily Dickinson, Rachel Field,
Robert Louis Stevenson



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2011 Reflection Log only
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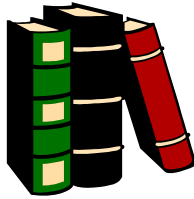


Maniac Magee
Reflection Log

You will read the book Maniac Magee, by Jerry Spinelli. While you read Maniac Magee, keep track of the characters in the story. What is their personality like? What do you discover about them? What do they look like? What do you think they feel at different times in the story?

Make sure to make **at least** 5 comments about all major characters in the story. You will have many comments about Maniac Magee so leave the entire first page for your comments.

Character's Name	Comment	Information found in (page #):
Example: Maniac Magee	<i>He was born in a dump! That sounds awful. I don't believe it</i>	p. 1
	<i>because then it says that his stomach was a cereal box and his</i>	
	<i>heart a sofa spring. I wonder what the author means.</i>	



Doane Academy
2011 – 2012 Battle of the Books
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If your child is interested in participating in the Battle of the Books, he/she should try to read some of the following books over the summer. Both fifth and sixth graders may participate in the program.

TITLE	AUTHOR
11 Birthdays	by Wendy Mass
All the Lovely Bad Ones	by Mary Downing Hahn
Because of Winn-Dixie	by Kate DiCamillo
Chasing Redbird	by Sharon Creech
Home of the Brave	by Katherine Applegate
Homework Machine	by Dan Gutman
Hoot	by Carl Hiaasen
Kensuke's Kingdom	by Michael Morpurgo
Listening for Lions	by Gloria Whelan
Night of the Twisters	by Ivy Ruckman
Once Upon a Marigold	by Jean Ferris
Rules	by Cynthia Lord
Runaway Twin	by Peg Kehret
A Week in the Woods	by Andrew Clements
Woods Runner	by Gary Paulsen



