

**Oxford Center School**  
**2017 Suggested Summer Reading for**  
**Incoming 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Dear Families:

We're happy to offer some suggestions for your child's summer reading pleasure in this brochure. Please encourage your child to read ANYTHING that appeals to him/her whether it's listed here or not. Allowing them to choose books that they will actually read is a great way to help your child become a better reader.

**Happy Reading!!!**

Mrs. Sharkey

Mrs. Redfern

Encourage your child to write down the title of every book he/she read along with the number of pages in the book.

We will give an extra recess to every class that has at least 75% of students submit a reading log – no matter how many pages they read!!

BUT EXTRA PRIZES WILL BE  
GIVEN TO ALL 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
STUDENTS WHO READ 600 PAGES  
OR MORE OR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
STUDENTS WHO READ 800 PAGES  
OR MORE!!

**Tips**

- ❖ Your child is not too old for read alouds! It builds their vocabulary and listening skills (and it's fun for both of you!)
- ❖ Reading poetry together is especially fun - try taking turns or making a game out of finding other words that would fit into the poem!
- ❖ Be a role model - your children will be excited to see you take time to read (and it will give you some relaxation time)!
- ❖ Audiobooks are a great way to make a long car ride more fun for the whole family!

**One Book, One School**

2012 World According to Humphrey (Birney)  
2013 My Life as a Stuntboy (Tashjian)  
2014 Pie (Weeks)  
2015 The One and Only Ivan (Applegate)  
2016 The Thing About Georgie (Graff)  
2017 - ????????

**"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg,  
we pray: go throw your TV set  
away. And in its place you can  
install, a lovely bookshelf on the  
wall."**

**– Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the  
Chocolate Factory***

### \*\*\*Challenge\*\*\*

Take a picture of your child reading over the summer and have him/her bring it to school; we will post them on a bulletin board in the hallway for the whole month of September!

**Prizes will be awarded based on creativity and humor!**



#### **Challenging Books/Series:**

*Eragon trilogy* (Paolini)  
*Maximum Ride* (Patterson)  
*Artemis Fowl* (Colfer)  
*Percy Jackson* (Riordan)  
*Land of Stories* (Colfer)  
*I Survived ...* (Tarshis)

#### **Favorite Authors:**

Mary Downing Hahn  
Gordon Korman  
Roald Dahl  
Dan Gutman  
Kate DiCamillo  
Lisa Graff



### **2018 Nutmeg Nominees**

*Book Scavenger* (Bertman)  
*Fish in a Tree* (Hunt)  
*Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle* (Hagen)  
*Kinda Like Brothers* (Booth)  
*Ratscalibur* (Lieb)  
*The Tapper Twins go to War (with Each Other)* (Rodkey)  
*Took: A Ghost Story* (Hahn)  
*Under the Egg* (Fitzgerald)  
*The War That Saved My Life* (Bradley)  
*A Whole New Ballgame* (Bildner)

### **Award Winners**

2017 Nutmeg Award  
*Roller Girl* (Jamieson)

Previous Nutmeg Award Winners  
*The One and Only Ivan* (Applegate)  
*The Unwanteds* (McMann)  
*Because of Mr. Terupt* (Buyea)  
*Lemonade War* (Davies)  
*Double Identity* (Haddix)

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