

MEDFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Medford, New Jersey

***REQUIRED SUMMER 2009 READING  
MOVING ON TO GRADE FIVE***



Attention Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Fourth Grade Students:

Reading, like any skill, improves with practice. Your child has been reading different types of materials throughout the school year, and we would like to continue this momentum during the summer months. Therefore, we are requiring that all students entering Grade Five read

**SHILOH**, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

At the beginning of the next school year, your child will be participating in activities related to this book. Success in these activities will depend on having read this book before school begins.

Additionally, we are providing focus questions to guide the reading. We encourage you to review and discuss these questions with your child. This will maximize his/her comprehension and potential for success with the activities your child's teacher has planned for September.

**FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS /GUARDIANS**

1. What is Marty's dilemma in the book Shiloh? What advice would you give Marty?
2. How is the setting in Shiloh the same or different than where you live? How does the setting influence the characters' lives?
3. What are the responsibilities involved in taking care of a pet?
4. What lessons about right and wrong did Marty learn in this book?

**SHILOH** will be available at Barnes & Noble in Marlton and Moorestown or Borders in Marlton. If necessary, you may borrow this book for your child by contacting your school's administrative office. The book is to be returned to the office upon completion.

We have developed a summer reading list (SEE REVERSE SIDE) of recommended books that students can read for pleasure. These are books that should be appropriate for your child's reading level. They will not be discussed in class upon your child's return to school nor studied during the school year. We encourage you to utilize this list as well as books available at the Pinelands Branch of the Burlington County Library.

Reading throughout the summer months can be most beneficial for your child. We know parents recognize and support this premise, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support at home. Have a safe and enjoyable summer—HAPPY READING!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Curriculum Office at 609-654-6416.

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- Our Only May Amelia** by Jennifer L. Holm, 2000  
**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine, 1997  
**Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key** by Jack Gantos, 1998  
**Doll People** by AnnMartin  
**A Long Way From Chicago** by Richard Peck, 1998  
**Wringer** by Jerry Spinelli, 1997  
**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** by JK Rowling, 1998  
**The Wanderer** by Sharon Creech, 2000  
**Wayside School is Falling Down** by Louis Sachar, 1989  
**Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery in the Locked Library** by Lucinda Landon, 1993  
**Beans on the Roof** by Betsy Byars, 1998  
**Class President** by Johanna Hurwitz, 1990  
**Stuart Little** by E.B. White, 1973  
**Ace: The Very Important Pig** by Dick King-Smith, 1990  
**Exploring the Titanic** by Robert Ballard, 1993  
**Forging Freedom** by Hudson Talbott, 2000  
**George Washington's Socks** by Elvira Woodruff, 1993  
**Island of the Blue Dolphins** by Scott O'Dell, 1971  
**Dear America** (series) by historical fiction  
**Time Warp Trio** (series) by Jon Sciescka  
**First Biography** (series) by David Adler  
**A Series of Unfortunate Events** (series) by Lemony Snicket  
**The Indian in the Cupboard** (series) by Lynne Banks  
**The Royal Diaries** (series) by various authors