

Summer Reading Activities

For each of the books you read this summer, choose a different assignment from the choices listed below.

Picnic Lunch

Create a sandwich model of the most important parts of your book.

Use a separate sheet of paper for each sandwich layer or use colored construction paper for each sandwich layer. On the top slice (the top piece of bread) write the title, author, and your name. On the lettuce, write a brief summary of the book (Tell what happened, to whom it happened, and how it ended). Was the person like you or different from you? How so?) On the turkey slice describe the plot (was was the main problem the character had and how was it solved?) On the bottom slice (the bottom piece of bread) draw your favorite scene from the story.

Tell me a Story

Write a paragraph telling about the book you read. Include the title, author, main characters, setting, problem and solution.

In the News

Create the front page of a newspaper that tells about events and characters in the book you just read. The title of the newspaper should be something appropriate to the book. In your article, answer the questions: Who, what, where, and when.

Be a set designer

Select an interesting setting from your book. Make a sketch of the setting and create a model of the setting using a shoebox. Design the shoe box as if it is a room from the story. Write a paragraph that tells WHY you chose this setting. You may include characters from the story in your shoebox setting.

Be a star

Using a video camera or webcam, create a script for your favorite part of the book and then, using a video camera or webcam, record yourself and/or others, acting out your favorite part. Be sure you are dressed as your character and try to make the setting similar to the book. At the end, summarize the book and tell why the scene you acted out is your favorite. You may do this with the camera or you may write it on paper.

Parents can help!

It is very important to help your child understand summer reading can be both fun and beneficial. Children who have a habit of reading not only learn to be better readers but they also perform better in school and receive higher grades. Every Worcester Public School requires summer reading. **Alhuda Academy holds a higher standard than public school.** Summer reading keeps your child's brain working over the summer. With the right attitude, it can be enjoyable and relaxing.

Tips to help your child enjoy reading:

Set the PACE!

Lead by example. Let your child see YOU reading each day.

Find a PLACE!

Provide a space in your home with lots of different reading materials like books, newspapers, magazines, travel brochures, a dictionary, and/or a thesaurus.

Don't make it HARD!

Find time to read. Share a book with your children. Keep one with you in the car or your purse so that you can read and discuss while you are "out and about".

Get a Library Card!

The library is full of FREE reading opportunities and offers a quiet, air conditioned place to share a book!

Alhuda Academy **2009-2010** **Summer Reading**



For students entering Fourth and Fifth grade

Asalaamu Alaikum from Alhuda Academy. This is our Summer Reading Program. We have used the Worcester Public School system as a guide to create this program for students at Alhuda Academy.

Our intent is to nurture both the habits of good reading and the love of reading for the sake of reading. Summer reading is required of our students. The choice of what to read is up to parents and students. Most of our reading list is from the Worcester Public School system list so check to see if the book is Islamically appropriate. Ask a librarian for help in locating the books. This brochure will help you make the best choices in the most convenient way.

Summer Reading is a requirement:

- Choose to read any five books
- Complete an activity for each of the five books
- Counts for 10% of first quarter Language Arts grade

You can find books in Worcester!



Borrow a book:

Go to the Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Street Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 799-1655
www.worcpublib.org

***Make sure you return borrowed books on time
and undamaged!!***

Buy a new book:

- Barnes and Nobles Bookstore, 541 Lincoln St
- Benjamin Franklin Bookstore, Salem St
- Walden Books Greendale Mall
- Sam's Warehouse or BJ's
- Walmart, Target, or Kmart

Islamic Books

- www.astrolabe.com
- www.islamicity.com/bazar
- www.dar-us-salam.com
- www.goodwordbooks.com

Buy a used book:

- Friends of the Library Bookstore, Salem St
- Goodwill, 25 Park Ave
- Salvation Army, 72 Cambridge St

When choosing a book, consider these excellent authors. If you need help, ask your teacher, your librarians, your parents, or your friends.

Islamic Books and Authors

The Junior Encyclopedia of Islam

by Saniyasnain Khan

Devotion Among Animals by Harun Yahya

The Book of Ibns-The Amazing Sons of Islam by Luqman Nagy

Cheng Ho: Admiral of the East by Julia Marshall

IQ-Islamic Quiz Book 1, 2, and 3 by Jamal UnNisa

My Name is Bilal by Asma Mobin-Uddin

Parent's Love by Ishrat J. Rumi

The Muslim Way of Speaking by Harun Yahya

REALISTIC FICTION

Ada, Alma Flor
Bunting, Eve
Christopher, Matt
Clements, Andrew
Cleary, Beverly
Danziger, Paula
Estes, Eleanor
Giff, Patricia
Hurwitz, Johanna
Levy, Elizabeth
Polacco, Patricia
Sachar, Louis
Soto, Gary
Spinelli, Jerry
Taylor, Mildred
Yolen, Jane

BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Adler, David
DePaola, Tomie
Fritz, Jean
Giblin, James Cross
Greene, Carol
McKissack, Patricia
Pinkney, Andrea
Childhood of Famous Americans Series

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Aliki
Cole, Joanna
D'Sulair, Ingrid & Edgar
Fritz, Jean
Gibbons, Gail
Heller, Ruth
Leedy, Loreen
Maestro, Betsy
Macauley, David
Simon, Seymour

FOLKTALES, FABLES & LEGENDS

Aardema, Verna
Aesop
Climo, Shirley
Demi
Jaffe, Nina
Kellogg, Steven

Kimmel, Eric
Macauley, David
San Souci, Robert
Dahl, Roald
Levy, Elizabeth
Osborne, Mary
Peet, Bill
Pinwater, David
Rowling, J.K.
Scieszka, Jan
Steig, William
White, E.B.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Bunting, Eve
Coerr, Eleanor
Cohen, Barbara
MacLachlan, Patricia
Polacco, Patricia
Scieszka, Jan
Wilder, Laura Ingalls
American Girl Series
Dear America Series

MYSTERY

Adler, David
Chandler Warner, Gertrude
Giff, Patricia
Hildick, E.W.
Kellogg, Steven
Landon, Lucia
Roy, Ron
Simon, Seymour
Sobol, Donald
Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn Keene
Hardy Boys Series by Franklin W. Dixon
Third Grade Detective Series

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Aiken, Joan
Alexander, Lloyd
Avi
Babbitt, Natalie
Banks, Lynn Reid
Card, Orson Scott
Dahl, Roald
Haddix, Margaret
Ibbotson, Eva
Jacques, Brian
J.R.R. Tolkien