

Summer Reading Activities

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

Dear Author

Write a letter to the author telling him/her about your reaction to the story. Tell the author what you thought of the book. You should include text selections from your favorite and/or least favorite parts.

In the News

Create the front page of a newspaper that tells about events, characters and setting of the book you just read. The title, articles, and illustrations of the newspaper should be appropriate to the time when the story took place. You could include weather reports, editorials, cartoons etc.

What a Character!

Draw a portrait of character from the book you read. Would you choose this character as a friend? Why or why not? Explain how this character is similar and different from you.

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 sixth, seventh, and eighth 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.worcpublic.org

Frances Perkins Branch Library
470 W. Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606
(508) 799-1687
Bus route 30N

Great Brook Valley Branch
89 Tacoma Street
Worcester, MA 01605
(508) 799-1729
Bus Route 26N

*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

Missing Out on Rewards by Shazia Narlee

Parent's Love

by Ishrat J. Rummy

The Muslim Way of Speaking by Harun Yahya

A Muslim Girl's Guide to Life's Big Changes by Rayhana Khan

Jannah's New Friends: A Story of What True Friendship is All About by Suzy Ismail

Forgiveness & Other Matters by Muhammad Sharif

REALISTIC FICTION

Alvarez, Julia
Alcott, Louisa May
Avi
Banks, Lynn Reid
Blume, Judy
Byars, Betsy
Clements, Andrew
Creech, Sharon
Danziger, Paula
DiCamillo, Kate
Fox, Paula
Gantos, Jack
George, Jean C.
Hamilton, Virginia
Henkes, Kevin
Hurwitz, Johanna
Konigsburg, E.L.
Korman, Gordon
Lowry, Lois
Montgomery, L.M.
Myers, Walter
Naylor, Phillis
Park, Barbara
Peterson, Katherine
Paulson, Gary
Paek, Robert
Rylant, Cynthia
Sachar, Louis
Snicket, Lemony
Soto, Gary
Spinelli, Jerry
Stolz, Mary

MYSTERY

Bellairs, John
George, Jean C.
Lawrence, Caroline
Skurzynski, Gloria
Snyder, Zilpah
Stolz, Mary
Strickland, Brad
VanDraanen, W.
Wright, Betty Ren
Yep Laurence
Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn Keene
Hardy Boys Series by Franklin W. Dixon

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Aiken, Joan
Alexander, Lloyd
Avi
Babbitt, Natalie
Banks, Lynn Reid
Card, Orson Scott
Cooper, Susan
Corvill, Bruce
Dahl Roald
Haddix, Margaret
Ibbostson, Eva
Jacques, Brian
J.R.R. Tolkien
Levine, Gail
L'Engle, Madeleine
Lewis, C.S.
Lowry, Lois
Naylor, Phyllis
O'Brien, Robert
Pierce, Tamora

BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Blumberg, Rhoda
Fradin, Dennis
Freedman, Russell
Fritz, Jean
Krull, Kathleen
Laskey, Kathryn
Meltzer, Milton
Morris Deborah
Meyers, Walter
Stanley, Diane
Weidt, Maryann
Childhood of Americans Series

**FOLKTALES, FABLES &
LEGENDS**

Aesop
Bruchac, Joseph
Hamilton, Virginia
Osborne, Mary Pope
San Souci, Robert
Schwartz, Alvin
Yep, Laurence

POETRY

Berry, James
Dahl, Roald
Fleishman, Paul
Florian, Douglas
Giovanni, Nikki
Hopkins, Lee Bennett
Hughes, Langston
Myers, Walter
Prelutsky, Jack
Silverstein, Shel

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Cobb, Vick
Fradin, Dennis
Freedman, Russell
Fritz, Jean
Krull, Kathleen
Lauber, Patricia
Locker, Thomas
Macauley, David
Meltzer, Milton
Myers, Walter
Murphy, Jim
Pringle, Laurence
Rappaport, Doreen
Eyewitness Series

HISTORICAL FICTION

Avi
Berry, James
Bruchac, Joseph
Dorris, Michael
Fritz, Jean
Hobbs, Will
Koller, Jackie French
Lowry, Lois
MacLachlan, Patricia
O'Dell, Scott
Peck, Robert
Ryan, Pam Nuno
Speare, Elizabeth
Spinelli, Jerry
Traylor, Mildred
Wilder, Lara Ingalls
Wolff, Virginia
Yep, Jane

Author Web Site

Avi
www.avi-writer.com

Judy Blume
www.judyblume.com

Beverly Cleary
www.teleport.com/~krpcleary.html

Paula Danziger
www.bookpage.com/9602bp/childrenspauladanziger.html

Lois Lowry
www.ipl.org/youth/AskAuthor//lowry.html

Katherine Patterson
www.terabithia.com/

Gary Paulson
www.ipl.org/youth/AskAuthor/paulsen.html

R.L. Stine
www.scholastic.com/goosebumps/low/stine/index.htm

Zilpha Keatley Synder
www.microweb.com/synder/home.html

Laura Ingalls Wilder
www.pinc.com/~jenslegg/.

"FOR REAL! "CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Holes by Louis Sachar
Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
The Friends by Rosa Guy
Dacey's Song by Cynthia Voigt
Same Stuff as Stars by Katherine Patterson
The Pigman by Paul Zindel
The Rag and Bone Shop by Robert Cormier
Dragonwings by Laurence Yep
Cut by Patricia McCormick

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" NON FICTION/INFORMATIONAL

Never Cry Wolf by Farley Mowat
Blizzard: The Storm that Changed America by Jim Murphy
Slave Narrative: The Journey to Freedom by Elaine Landau
Revenge of the Whale by Nathaniel Philbrick
We Were There Too by Phillip Hoose
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World by Jennifer Armstrong
To Be a Slave by Julius Lester

"FANTASTIC WORLDS" MYTHS AND LEGENDS/FANTASY/HORROR

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving
The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin
Gabriel by Garth Nix
Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer
The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman
In the Forests of the Night by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes
Sunwing by Kenneth Oppel
Briar Rose by Jane Yolen
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Sword of Shannara by Terry Brooks

"GET A LIFE!" BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Guts by Gary Paulson
Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers
The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reis
Savion by Savion Glover
The Greatest: Muhammad Ali by Walter Dean Myers
The Life and Death of Crazy Horse by Russell Freedman

"OTHER PLACES, OTHER TIMES" HISTORICAL FICTION

Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen
Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Stowaway by Karen Hess
A Break With Charity by Ann Rinaldi
Other Side of Truth by Beverly Naidoo
Kim by Rudyard Kipling
Girl in a Cage by Jane Yolen
Sword Song by Rosemary Sutcliff
Dateline: Troy by Paul Fleishman
My Brother Sam is Dead by James and Christopher Collier
Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates
Shane by Jack Schaefer
Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
Bull Run by Paul Fleischman
Hope's Crossing by Joan Elizabeth Goodman

"THE THRILL OF VICTORY..." SPORTS

Home of the Braves by David Klass
A Whole New Ballgame: The Story of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League by Sue Macy
Bat 6 by Virginia Euwer Wolff
Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher
The Contender by Robert Lipsyte
Runner by Cynthia Voigt
Athletic Shorts by Chris Crutcher

ADVENTURE/SURVIVAL

A Series of Unfortunate Events series by Lemony Snicket
Storm Warriors by Elisa Carbone
Wild Man Island by Will Hobbs
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Reef of Death by Paul Zindel
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
Sasquatch by Roland Smith
Downriver by Will Hobbs