

TOWN SCHOOL FOR BOYS
Fifth Grade Humanities - Ms. Liu and Mr. Virani
Summer Reading 2009

Dear Rising Fifth Graders,

We are excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to spending a great year with you! In order to prepare for our literature program, you will need to do some reading this summer.

1) Please read **Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis. A copy of this book will be provided by the school.

- Since we'll be discussing this book in September, start it in August and finish it before the first day of school. This way the story will be fresh in your mind. If you've read it before, please read it again. Chances are you'll notice something different this time.
- We will be using the book in class, so don't lose it. You are welcome to mark the text, as it is your copy.

2) Please keep a reading log, which is provided for you on the back of this sheet.

- Read *at least one chapter book/novel of your choice* (this book is in addition to *Bud, Not Buddy*). Some suggested titles and authors are listed below, but you are more than welcome to choose your own book(s). In fact, we encourage you to read as many books as you would like.
- You will be asked to share about one of these books when you return to school, so pay attention to your reading.
- Please record all the books that you finish reading during the summer. The reading log is worth 10 points, and it will count towards your Homework/Classwork grade for Quarter 1.

Have a wonderful summer!
Ms. Liu and Mr. Virani

Suggested Titles and Authors

***City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau**

It is always night in the city of Ember. But there is no moon, no stars. The only light during the regular twelve hours of "day" comes from flood lamps that cast a yellowish glow over the streets of the city. For 250 years the people of Ember have lived pleasantly, because there has been plenty of everything in the vast storerooms. But now there are more and more empty shelves--and more and more times when the lights flicker and go out, leaving them in terrifying blackness. What will happen when the generator finally fails?

***The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan**

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school . . . again. No matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to stay out of trouble. But can he really be expected to stand by and watch while a bully picks on his scrawny best friend? Or not defend himself against his pre-algebra teacher when she turns into a monster and tries to kill him? Of course, no one believes Percy about the monster incident; he's not even sure he believes himself...until the Minotaur chases him to summer camp.

***The Misfits* by James Howe.**

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

***The Tiger's Apprentice* by Lawrence Yep**

Tom is his grandmother's somewhat reluctant apprentice in magical arts, but after she dies while defending a mysterious coral rose from evil foes, the eighth grader finds himself enmeshed in a dangerous world where Chinese myth is a reality.

***Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness, Book 1)* by Michelle Paver**

Set 6000 years ago, this fast-paced adventure delves into a world of spirits and mysticism. Torak, 12, witnesses his father's brutal attack by a giant, demon-possessed bear and promises to find his way to the Mountain of the World Spirit. Before dying, his father instructs him to avoid other men and tells him that his guide will find him.

Also check the Town School Library website and www.GuysRead.com for more suggestions.

