

June 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Listed below is a summer reading list compiled by Mrs. McCloskey, our media specialist.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Klimko  
Principal

### Grade Five – Grade Six

**Buckley, Michael.** *The Sisters Grimm: Fairy-Tale Detective.* Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm have gone from one bad foster home to another. When Relda goes missing, it is up to the girls to solve the mystery - which involves giants, pixies, fairies and witches. This mystery/adventure has lots of fantasy and just as much humor, and the story continues with additional books in the series: *The Sisters Grimm*. A previous year's choice for the *One Book New Jersey Program*. *One Book New Jersey* is a statewide program that encourages New Jersey residents to read the same book based on their reading level.

**Gaiman, Neil.** *The Graveyard Book.* This year's Newbery Award winner. A baby survives the killing of his family by a mysterious assassin. He crawls to a nearby graveyard and is adopted by the assortment of spooks who occupy the place. What mystery/horror/suspense reader could stop here? Gaiman has created a rich, surprising, and sometimes disturbing tale of dreams, ghouls, murderers, trickery, and family.

**Giblin, James Cross.** *The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin.* Read about this amazing American and plan a visit to Philadelphia.

**Konigsburg, E. L.** *The View from Saturday.* Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition. Read other books by this award winning author.

**Klise, Kate.** *Regarding the fountain: a tale, in letters, of liars and leaks.* When the principal asks a fifth grade to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, chaos results from this simple request. Read other books by this entertaining author.

**Law, Ingrid.** *Savvy.* A 2009 Newbery Honor book. Upon turning 13, each member of the Beaumont family develops a supernatural ability, or savvy, which must then be tamed. Well aware of the problems savvys can bring, 12 year old Mibs awaits her birthday eagerly but with a bit of trepidation. Law's storytelling is rollicking, her language imaginative, and her entire cast of whacky, yet believable characters delightful.

**Lipsyte, Robert.** *Heroes of Baseball: The Men Who Made It America's Favorite Game.* If you can't get enough of baseball, this is a book filled with illustrated stories about the men who help popularize and immortalize the sport of baseball: Ty Cobb, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, etc.

**Paulson, Gary.** *Brian's Winter.* If you have read *Hatchet*, continue to read about Brian. Read other books by Gary Paulson, an adventure writer.

**Riordan, Rick.** *The Lightning Thief.* Percy, who just found out that he is a "Half- Blood," escapes the wrath of a monster when entering summer camp on Long Island. Only, this is no ordinary summer camp. The Greek gods (still very active in the 21st-century world) are about to go to war over a lost thunderbolt, and it is up to Percy to retrieve it. Although the novel ends with a satisfying conclusion (and at least one surprise), it is clear that the story isn't over. Look for the other books in the series: *Percy Jackson & The Olympians* and check out a few mythology books from the 200 section of the library.

**Sage, Angie.** *Magyk.* After learning she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried to safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, but is pursued by her enemies. This is a fine choice for fantasy readers looking to delve into a new world with lots of magic, plenty of action, and a few neat surprises. Also read: *Flyte, Physik, Queste* & look for another book in the series yet to come.

*Whether it's a book, magazine, newspaper, or a comic book,  
make sure reading is part of your summer!*

