# Milford Public Schools

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 Woodland Elementary School Summer Reading Program

 For Students Entering Grades 3 & 4

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Dear Woodland Parents and Students,

 We know that you are looking forward to a relaxing and fun summer, with time to enjoy the beautiful warm weather. We cannot think of a better way to relax than with a great book! Research shows that even with other activities relating to summer academic learning, only reading is related to achievement. Therefore, students who do not read over the summer can lose up to three months of academic growth.

 In keeping with the Community Handshake initiative, the Milford Town Library and the Milford Public Schools continue to collaborate in an effort to provide students with a positive summer reading experience. The town library has many of the recommended titles available for students to borrow.

 At Woodland, students are required to read at least two chapter books (**or** six picture books if reading below grade level) and at least **one nonfiction book**. Please note that there are no required books, or authors, only a required assignment**.** A key component of the program is student choice. Students are encouraged to choose books that appeal to them and suit their own personal interests, increasing the likelihood that they will genuinely enjoy their reading experience.

 All students must complete **both** an illustration/summary for a fiction book and a story map for nonfiction text for their nonfiction book. Students should also fill out the reading log. This assignment will be graded and will count as your child’s first grade in Reading/Language Arts. Students who complete the assignment will be rewarded when they return to school.

 To help you get started, we have included a list of favorite authors, suggested book titles, and popular series on the back of this letter. You should use the reading levels found in the final report card to help you select appropriate books. Brochures will be available during the summer at the Town Library, Woodland School, the Family Resource Center, Barnes and Noble, and at the Milford Public Schools website.

Have a safe and happy summer vacation,

Mr. Craig Consigli

 Woodland Principal

FAVORITE BOOKS

**AUTHORS**

***The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins***,

by \*Barbara Kerley

***Because of Winn-Dixie,***

by \*Kate DiCamillo

***Dragon Rider,***

by \*Cornelia Funke

***Princess Academy***

***by \****Shannon Hale

**Recommendations**

**The Unusual Mind of Vincent Shadow**

by \*Tim Kehoe

**Noonie's Masterpiece**

by \*Lisa Railsback

**Hank Zipzer, The World's Greatest Underachiever:**

**A Brand-New Me!**

by **\***Henry Winkler

**The Night Fairy**

by \*Laura Amy Schlitz

**Star in the Forest**

by \*Laura Resau

**Melonhead**

by \*Katy Kelly

**Dessert First**

by \*Hallie Durand

**Wishworks, Inc.**

by \*Stephanie Tolan

**Ivy and Bean: Bound to Be Bad**

by \*Annie Barrows

**The Sisters Grimm: The Everafter War**

by \*Michael Buckley

**The Lemonade War**

by \*Jacqueline Davies

***Earthquake Terror***

by \*Peg Kehret

***Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang***

by \*Mordecai Richler

***My Teacher Is an Alien***

by \*Bruce Coville

***Native American Doctor,***

***The Story of Susan LaFlesche Picotte***

by \*Jeri Ferris

***Search for the Shadowman***

**by \*Joan Lowery Nixon**

***Stuart Little***

**by \*E. B. White**

***Time for Andrew, A Ghost Story***

by \*Mary Downing Hahn

***Eleanor***

by \*Barbara Cooney

***Jack***

 by \*Ilene Cooper

***The Case of the Spooky Sleepover,***

***Jigsaw Jones Mystery #4***

by \*James Preller

***Flat Stanley***

by Jeff Brown

***Mrs. Katz and Tush***

by \*Patricia Polacco

**Lunch Money**

by \*Andrew Clements

***The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog***

**by \*John R. Erickson**

***Owls in the Family***

**by \*Farley Mowat**

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 **Favorite Authors:**

**David Adler Judy Blume**

**Joanna Cole Roald Dahl**

**Kate DiCamillo Andrew Clements**

**Dan Gutman Patricia Polacco**

**Rick Riordan Seymour Simon**

**Nicola Davies Beverly Cleary**

**Jean Craighead George Jeff Kinney**

 **Recommended Series Recommended Series:**

Visit these websites!

[www.reading.org/library](http://www.reading.org/library)

[www.massreading.org/parents](http://www.massreading.org/parents)

[www.education-world.com/summer\_reading/](http://www.education-world.com/summer_reading/)

www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/summerreading

***Jigsaw Jones Unicorn School Diary of a Wimpy Kid***

by James Preller by Linda Chapman by \*Jeff Kinney

***Cam Jansen 39 Clues Bone***

by \*David Adler by Rick Riordan by Jeff Smith

***Magic Tree House A-Z Mysteries Charlie Bone***

by Mary Pope Osborne by \*Ron Roy by Jenny Nimmo

***Amber Brown Andrew Lost Chet Gecko***

by Paula Danziger by JC Greenburg by Bruce Hale

***Ready Freddy Artemis Fowl Detective Zack***

by Abby Klein by Eolin Colfer by Jerry Thomas

***Geronimo Stilton Goosebumps***

by Geronimo Stilton by R.L. Stine

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