

Canton Elementary Schools  
Summer Reading Guide  
2009



\*\*In order to keep track of the books you read this summer, please fill in the Summer Reading Log that went home with this guide. Complete the log and return to next year's teacher.\*\*



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Developed in part by Canton Literacy Specialists  
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Dear Families,  
Did you know...

- many students experience a drop in their reading ability over the summer?
- the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recommends certain authors for students to read?
- 50% of the passages appearing on ELA MCAS exams are written by these recommended authors?

Over the summer, families can support students' reading development by...

- reading aloud to children for at least 20 minutes a day (from a magazine, cookbook, even reading directions count).
- requiring children read at least 4-5 books.
- helping children selecting books at their level.
- making the public library a regular part of the summertime schedule.
- Starting a book club that meets weekly with friends.

