

# Friends School Mullica Hill Middle School Summer Reading



## One School, One Book

The Multi-Cultural Board has selected the next school community book for all to read! **When the Shadbush Blooms**, written by Carla Messinger and Susan Katz, tells a story of a young Lenni Lenape girl who dreams of her great great grandmother's life. In this beautifully illustrated picture book, you will see the traditional way of life alongside the contemporary one.

This book will establish the school year's focus on Native Americans, specifically the Lenni Lenape who inhabited the woodlands of and near southern New Jersey. During the 2010-2011 school year, school activities will be constructed around the themes in the book. The Board also provides a list of additional books that will complement the highlighted book:

### For Adults:

Strong Medicine Speaks - Amy Hill Hearth

The Grandfather Speaks,

Native American Folktales of the Lenape People – Hitakonanu'laxk

### For Students in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade or Above:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian\* - Sherman Alexie

\*This coming-of-age book contains mature content and is only recommended for older students.

### For All Students:

Rainbow Crow – Nancy Van Laan

## Required Summer Reading for Students Entering Grades Five to Eight

Students entering grades five to eight have required books to read during the summer. On their return to school in the fall, they will be expected to discuss and report on their summer reading. Pacing their required reading throughout the summer months will help the reading experience to be enjoyable and more constructive.

### **Students Entering Fifth Grade**

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town - Kimberly Willis Holt

Plus **two** other novels of their choice

*Students are asked to keep a reading journal for each of the three books recording main characters, memorable and important events from the plot, questions, thoughts, ideas, and predictions. Parent signature required on reading journal.*

### **Suggested novels for fifth graders:**

Any Newberry Award Books

Armstrong, William – Sounder

Babbit, Natalie – Tuck Everlasting

Creech, Sharon – Walk Two Moons

Curtis, Christopher Paul – Bud, Not Buddy

Dahl, Roald – Boy

Dahl, Roald - BFG

Dimi - Gandhi

Forbes, Esther – Johnny Tremain

George, Jean Craighead - My Side of the Mountain

Gutman, Dan – Jackie and Me

L'Engle, Madeleine – A Wrinkle in Time

London, Jack – White Fang

Lowry, Lois – Number the Stars

Montgomery, Lucy Maud - Anne of Green Gables

O'Dell, Scott - Island of the Blue Dolphins

Paulsen, Gary – Hatchet

Philbrick, Rodman - Freak the Mighty

Sachar, Louis - Holes

Spinelli, Jerry - Winger

White, E.B. – Charlotte's Web

White, E.B. – Stuart Little

White, E.B. – Trumpet of the Swan

### **Students Entering Sixth Grade**

The BFG - Roald Dahl

A Light in the Forest - Conrad Richter

### **Suggested Optional Reading by author Roald Dahl:**

Going Solo

Roald Dahl's Book of Ghost Stories

Esio Trot

The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar & Six More

The Twits

Boy

### **Students Entering 7th Grade**

America Street – Anne Mazer

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian\* – Sherman Alexie

### **Students Entering 8th Grade**

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian\* – Sherman Alexie

House on Mango Street -- Sandra Cisneros

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