

## West Side Summer Reading

Dear Parents and Students,

The summer break provides the opportunity for students to choose and enjoy books, magazines and newspapers that are suited to their own particular interests. This is one of the great things about summer vacation!

Additionally, we want our students to continue to read books that help develop and maintain their reading skills. We also want them to continue to become familiar with important authors and to read some of the best literature that is available to young people.

In order to help students accomplish these goals, the following reading assignments are required this summer.

Students are expected to read at least **three** books.

- **One book must be chosen from the WEST SIDE SCHOOL SUMMER BOOK CLUB list attached.**

Since this list represents titles found in the collection of West Side Library, it is expected that students may have read some or many of them. **For this summer project, they should choose books they have not yet read.** The list is arranged from easier to more difficult. It is also important that students read this book towards the end of the summer. (They may use post-it notes to jot down thoughts and questions as they read.) When students return to school in the fall, they will participate in a teacher-guided book club on Friday, September 7, 2012.

- **The other two books are *free choice* and can be read at any time during the summer.**

For one of the free choice books, students will complete a postcard project. Students will draw a picture of their favorite part of the book on one side and write about their favorite part of the book on the other side. Please mail the card back to the school so they can be displayed. If you are going away this summer, consider mailing the card from that location, so that we can see the different postmarks. *You may choose to use the SUPPLEMENTAL READING LIST, but are not required to do so.*

Parents are encouraged to help students choose books appropriate to their interests and independent reading level. Keep in mind there are many ways to appreciate literature. Students can read the book on their own, have it read to them or listen to it on an audio file. A supplemental reading list of suggested titles is included for your convenience. Should you find you need assistance, please feel free to contact a member of the West Side staff.

Along with the Summer Reading list, you will find several inserts to help support your child in different academic areas over the summer. Topics range from math to FLES.

**Happy reading from the West Side staff!**