



## Washington Montessori School

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH YEAR STUDENTS

#### SUMMER 2010

This summer we ask you to read three books. All fifth year students should read *Dominic* by William Steig, and all fourth year students will read *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. Please pick two more books from the summer reading list. If you are a fifth year student one of your choices should be a poetry book.

You may read these books to yourself, listen to some of the books on CD, or have the books read to you.

When school begins in the fall, we ask you to bring a project or a piece of writing about one of the books that you most enjoyed reading. You may choose any project or any subject to write about. Suggestions include making a collage, a diorama, a scrapbook, mobile or sculpture. You could create diary entries from one of the characters, a different ending to the book, a sequel or prequel, or you could write a letter or book review recommending the book to another student. A letter to the author asking him or her questions about the book might be fun.

(The reading list will be on the website: [Washingtonmontessori.org](http://Washingtonmontessori.org))

Enjoy your summer.

Amy & Jane

Alexander, Lloyd	Book of Three et al.
Armstrong, William	Souder
Avi	Good Dog, Perloo the Bold, The Secret School et al.
Banks, Lynne R.	Adventures of King Midas, I, Houdini
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting, The Search for Delicious et al.
Brink, Carol	Caddie Woodlawn
Brittain, Bill	The Wish Giver, Dr. Dredd's Wagon of Wonders
Brock, Betty	No Flying in the House
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey
Byars, Betsy	Summer of the Swans et al.
Butterworth, Oliver	The Enormous Egg
Cooper, Susan	The Boggart, The Dark is Rising et al.
Creech, Sharon	The Wanderer
DiCamillo, Kate	The Tale of Despereaux, The Tiger Rising et al.
DeJong, Meindert	The House of the Sixty Fathers, The Wheel on the School
Eager, Edward	Half Magic
Eckert, Allan	Incident at Hawk Hill
Edwards, Julie Andrews	The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles
Erdrich, Louise	The Game of Silence
Fleishman, Sid	The Whipping Boy, By the Great Horn Spoon et al.
Funke, Cornelia	The Thief Lord, Dragon Rider et al.
Garfield, James B.	Follow My Leader
George, Jean Craighead	Frightful's Mountain, My Side of the Mountain et al.
Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows
Hamilton, Virginia	House of Dies Drear et al.
Henry, Marguerite	Black Gold, Misty of Chincoteague, King of the Wind
Hill, Kirkpatrick	Toughboy and Sister, Winter Camp
Horvath, Polly	Everything on a Waffle
Juster, Norman	The Phantom Tollbooth
Konigsberg, E. L.	From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Lawson, Robert	Ben and Me, Rabbit Hill

L'Engle, Madeleine	A Wrinkle in Time
Lewis, C.S.	The Chronicles of Narnia
Lowry, Lois	Gooney Bird Green, The Giver
Mac Donald, Betty	Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle
Naylor, Phyllis	Shiloh et al.
Nesbit, E.	Five Children and It
Nixon, Joan	Orphan Train series
O'Brien, Robert	Mrs. Frisbie and the Rats of NIMH
O'Dell, Scott	Sing Down the Moon, Island of the Blue Dolphins
Paterson, Katherine	Bridge to Teribithia
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet, The Winter Room, Harris and Me et al.
Pullman, Philip	Dark Matters Trilogy
Ransome, Arthur	Swallows and Amazons
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows
Roberts, Willow Davis	The Magic Book
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter et al.
Sachar, Louis	Holes
Schlitz, Laura	Good Masters/Sweet Ladies
Simon, Beth	The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Speare, Elizabeth	Sign of the Beaver et al.
White, E.B.	Trumpet of the Swan, Charlotte's Web
Yep, Laurence	The Star Fisher et al.

### **POETRY**

Creech, Sharon	Love That Dog
Elledge, Scott	Wider than the Sky: Poems to Grow Up With
Fleischman, Paul	Joyful Noise, I am Phoenix
Greenberg, Jan	Heart to Heart
Kennedy, Caroline	A Family of Poems
Rosen, Michael	Classic Poetry: An Illustrated Collection

Hall, Donald                      Oxford Book of Children's Verse in America  
Harrison, Michael              Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems  
Stevenson, Robert Louis A Child's Garden of Verses  
Williams, Vera B.              Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart

Also consider reading books of different 'genres' than the ones you usually read.  
Try a biography or autobiography, history or mythology.