

## A Letter From the Saugus Reading Teachers

The purpose of Summer Reading is to ensure that all children read throughout the summer to maintain the skills taught during the academic year. Continued reading practice will help your child successfully take on the challenges that wait in September! We have collaborated with the Saugus Public Library staff to compile a booklist with interesting and exciting stories. The list this year once again has a specific focus we believe will engage, inform and prepare your child; however, your child may read whatever is appropriate and interesting for him/her. Each child was given 3 book review forms at the close of the school year.

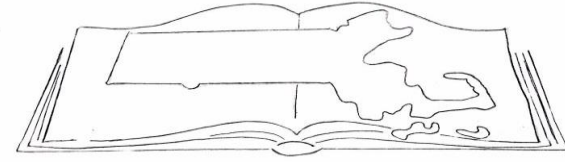
Forms should be turned in to the classroom teacher by

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Students who complete their Summer Reading requirements will be acknowledged in September. You will find extra copies of the forms at the Saugus Town Library, as well as on the Saugus Public School's website.

**\*Some books** will be available through the public library, but you may need to seek additional sources, so start early!

## Incoming 2nd and 3rd Grades



## Saugus Public Schools

### Suggested Summer Reading List

Our Summer Reading is focused on our great state of **Massachusetts.**

The enclosed suggestions spotlight Massachusetts history and locations, and we encourage you to enjoy 3 (or more!) of these selections.

All children are encouraged to read for **20 minutes each day**, and all children are required to write **3 quick book reviews.**

(at least **1 book must be about the American Revolution.**)

Turn in completed reviews to your teacher by

**Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>**

– be sure your name, school, and grade are filled in!

## **American Revolution Lists:**

- Be sure to record it on the Revolution book review form!

### **Non-Fiction**

Let it Begin Here! Lexington & Concord; *Dennis Brindell Fradin*  
American Revolution: Companion to "Revolutionary War on Wednesday"; *Mary Pope Osborne & Natalie Pope Osborne*  
What was The Boston Tea Party? ; *Kathleen Krull*  
Paul Revere's Ride; *Xavier W. Niz*  
Paul Revere, Midnight Rider; *Ellen Dreyer*  
Who Was Betsy Ross; *James Buckley*  
Who Was Abigail Adams?; *True Kelley*  
Yankee Doodle; *Steven Kellogg*  
Abigail Adams: First Lady of the American Revolution; *Patricia Lakin*  
The Dreadful, Smelly Colonies: The Disgusting Details About Life in Colonial America (Disgusting History); *Elizabeth Raum*  
You Wouldn't Want to Be at the Boston Tea Party; *Peter Cook*  
The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere; *Henry W. Longfellow*  
Those Rebels, John and Tome; *Barbara Kerley*

### **Fiction**

Judy Moody Declares Independence; *Megan McDonald*  
Magic Tree House: Revolutionary War on Wednesday; *Mary Pope Osborne & Natalie Pope Osborne*  
Yankee Doodle Dandy(Ellis the Elephant); *Callista Gingrich*  
Sam the Minuteman; *Nathaniel Benchley*  
George Washington and the General's Dog; *Frank Murphy*  
Katie's Trunk; *Ann Turner*  
Sleds on Boston Common; *Louise Borden*  
Mr. Revere & I; *Robert Lawson*  
Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams?; *Jean Fritz*  
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?; *Jean Fritz*  
Emma's Journal: Diary of a Colonial Girl; *Marissa Moss*  
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy; *Nathan Hale*  
Nathan Hale: Revolutionary Spy; *Nathan Olsen*  
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?; *Jean Fritz*  
George the Drummer Boy; *Nathaniel Benchley*

## **Massachusetts Suggested Lists:**

- **Be sure to record it on Massachusetts form!**

### **MA History and Famous People**

Celebrating Massachusetts; *Marion Dane Bauer*  
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims; *Clyde Robert Bulla*  
Don't Know Much About the Pilgrims; *Kenneth Davis*  
Who Was John F. Kennedy?; *Jona Zeldis McDonough*  
Boston & the State of MA: Cool Stuff Every Kid Should Know; *Kate Boehm Jerome*  
Who Was Dr. Suess?; *Janet Pascal & Nancy Harrison*  
You Wouldn't Want an American Colonist; *Jacqueline Morley*  
Growing Up Pedro; *Matt Tavares*  
Letting Swift River Go; *Jane Yolen*  
The Landing Of The Pilgrims; *James Daugherty*  
Helen Keller's Teacher; *Margaret Davidson*  
If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620; *Ann McGovern*  
Weird Massachusetts; *Jeff Belanger*

### **MA Settings and Historical Background**

Zachary's Ball; *Matt Tavares*  
Anastasia Krupnik; *Lois Lowry*  
The Fenway Foul-Up; *David Kelly*  
Clementine; *Sara Pennypacker*  
Sisters at Scituate Light; *Stephen Krensky*  
Lyddie; *Katherine Paterson*  
Henry Hikes to Fitchburg; *D.B. Johnson*  
Buster's Trip to Cape Cod; *Oona Garder-Juntti*  
Half-Magic; *Edward Eager*  
Jubilee!: One Man's Big, Bold, and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace; *Alicia Potter*