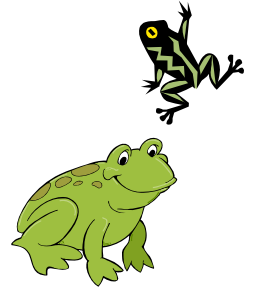


MEDFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Medford, New Jersey  
**REQUIRED SUMMER 2009 READING**  
**MOVING ON TO GRADE TWO**



Attention Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of First Grade Students:

Reading, like any skill, improves with practice. Your child has been reading different types of materials throughout the school year, and we would like to continue this momentum during the summer months. Therefore, we are requiring that all students entering Grade Two read

**THE FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS**, by Arnold Lobel

At the beginning of the next school year, your child will be participating in activities related to this book. Success in these activities will depend on having read this book before school begins.

Additionally, we are providing focus questions to guide the reading. We encourage you to review and discuss these questions with your child. This will maximize his/her comprehension and potential for success with the activities your child's teacher has planned for September.

**FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS /GUARDIANS**

Spring:

Why did Frog want Toad to get up? Have you ever tried to wake someone up who didn't want to get up? What did you do?

The Story:

Why did Frog want Toad to tell him a story? When do you like someone to tell you a story? What is your favorite story?

A Lost Button:

Have you ever lost anything? How did you feel? How did you solve the problem?

A Swim:

Why didn't Toad want the animals to look at him? Have you ever wished people wouldn't look at you? Why?

The Letter:

How was Frog a friend to Toad in this story? How do you show someone you want to be their friend?

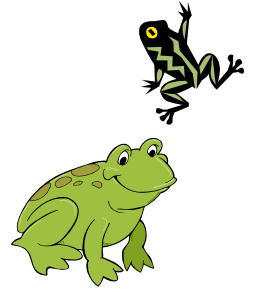
**FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS** will be available at Barnes & Noble in Marlton and Moorestown or Borders in Marlton. If necessary, you may borrow this book for your child by contacting your school's administrative office. The book is to be returned to the office upon completion.

We have developed a summer reading list (SEE REVERSE SIDE) of recommended books that students can read for pleasure. These are books that should be appropriate for your child's reading level. They will not be discussed in class upon your child's return to school nor studied during the school year. We encourage you to utilize this list as well as books available at the Pinelands Branch of the Burlington County Library.

Reading throughout the summer months can be most beneficial for your child. We know parents recognize and support this premise, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support at home. Have a safe and enjoyable summer—HAPPY READING!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Curriculum Office at 609-654-6416.

**RECOMMENDED  
SUMMER 2009 READING  
MOVING ON TO GRADE TWO**



**The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins : An Illuminating History of Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer : True Dinosaur Story in Three Ages** by Barbara Kerley, 2001

**Emma's Yucky Brother** by Jean Little, 2001

**Pinky and Rex and the Just-Right Pet** by James Howe, 2001

**Megatooth** by Patrick O'Brien, 2001

**The Emperor Lays an Egg** by Brenda Z. Guiberson, 2001

**Kate and the Beanstalk** by Mary Pope Osborne, 2000

**Runaway Radish** by Jessie Haas, 2001

**The Honest-to-Goodness Truth** by Patricia McKissack, 2000

**Little Rat Sets Sail** by Manka Barg-Campbell, 1989

**Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs** by Byron Burton, 1989

**Strega Nona** by Tomie di Paula

**Magic Treehouse** by Mary Pope Osborne

**Zack's Alligator Goes to School** by Shirley Mozelle, 1989

**Otters Under Water** by Jim Arnosky, 1992

**Sheep Take a Hike** by Nancy Shaw, 1994

**Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus, 1971

**Are You My Mother?** by P.D. Eastman, 1960

**Henry and Mudge** (series) by Cynthia Rylant

**Arthur** (series) by Mare Brown

**Pinky and Rex** (series) by James Howe

**Poppleton** (series) by Cynthia Rylant