



**KID'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE®  
MIDDLE CHARTER SCHOOL  
2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

*"Dedicated to the well-being and educational success of every child."*  
FEATURING 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE · AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

## **2010-2011 Middle School Summer Reading List and Assignment**

Each student will be required to read TWO books over the summer.

Directions for the summer reading assignment: Students are to read the books from the list below and create an alternative book report using **two** of the following four choices:

1. Create a newspaper article for the novel you read. Summarize the main events in your article. (at least 3 paragraphs and should include a description of the main characters).
2. Choose an important event or situation from the novel and explain it from another character's point of view. (at least 3 paragraphs)
3. Write a poem about either the theme or characters of the novel. (at least 10 lines long)
4. Think of the main character in another book you have read or movie you have seen and compare/contrast to the main character in the summer reading book. Which two characters would you want to meet and why? What would their meeting be like?

Paragraph 1: Describe their similarities.

Paragraph 2: Describe their differences.

Paragraph 3: Describe why you would have them meet and what it would be like if they met.

\*\*\*Creativity is encouraged. You may include illustrations, pictures, unique formatting, etc.\*\*\*

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### **6th Grade Book:**

The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois

**Reading level:** Ages 9-12

**ISBN-13:** 978-0140320978

Professor William Waterman Sherman intends to fly across the Pacific Ocean. But through a twist of fate, he lands on Krakatoa, and discovers a world of unimaginable wealth, eccentric inhabitants, and incredible balloon inventions. Winner of the 1948 Newbery Medal

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## **7th Grade Book:**

The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman

**Reading Level:** Ages 9-12 (DRA 60)

**ISBN-13:** 978-0142405772

Anthony, also known as "Antsy," is fascinated by "The Schwa Effect"--the fact that no one ever sees Calvin Schwa. Even when acting weird and dressed like a total freak, The Schwa is only barely noticed. The two boys form a partnership and get away with all kinds of mischief, from conducting experiments at school to confounding opponents on the basketball court. When The Schwa senses that even Antsy is beginning to lose sight of him, he vows to do something that will make him so visible, no one will ever forget him. Any kid who's ever felt unnoticed will identify with Schwa and Antsy and their quest for notoriety.

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## **8th Grade Book:**

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Reading Level:** Ages 10-12 (DRA 50)

**ISBN-13:** 978-0385323062

It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan. Ten-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but he's on a mission. His momma never told him who his father was, but she left a clue: posters of Herman E. Calloway and his famous band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression! Bud's got an idea that those posters will lead to his father. Once he decides to hit the road and find this mystery man, nothing can stop him.

*Bud, Not Buddy* is full of laugh-out-loud humor and wonderful characters, hitting the high notes of jazz and sounding the deeper tones of the Great Depression.

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## **Schoolwide Book (ALL STUDENTS)**

Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer

**Reading Level:** Grades 6-9 (DRA 60)

**ISBN-13:** 978-0142404249

When Hope and her aunt Addie move from New York to a small town in Wisconsin to run the Welcome Stairways Diner, she isn't sure she'll fit in. Luckily, she doesn't have much time to dwell on it, what with life at the diner and the upcoming mayoral election. G.T., the owner of Welcome Stairways, has decided to run, even though he is very ill. Some think G.T. is crazy, but Hope sees the goodness and power in him. "Serve this up to teens with a dash of hope."