



Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all of your children for making wonderful strides in their classes this year! This summer, DPCS will implement The DPCS Summer Vacation Reading Program. It will be an assignment that every scholar will complete before Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This program is one of the many stepping stones in our bid to help your child get to college and beyond. The best elementary, middle, and high schools always expect their scholars to read and complete a summer reading list. We are excited to join the best schools in this endeavor.

## DPCS Summer Reading Assignment

### Your task:

Each scholar will choose at least **3 books** from the attached summer reading list. At least one book must be fiction and one book must be nonfiction. Scholars must then take and pass an Accelerated reader Quiz with an 80% or better for each of the 3 books in order to receive credit for their reading. **If you do not pass a quiz, you must choose another book from the list and pass the AR quiz. The requirement is to pass 3 AR quizzes (for books from the attached list!) with 80% or better between June 25<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

### How do I get the books?

- Check it out from the **Public Library** (Library locations for Manhattan and the Bronx are attached to this letter. For Brooklyn library locations, please log on to: <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch-libraries.jsp>. For library locations in Queens, please log on to: [http://www.queenslibrary.org/index.aspx?section\\_id=12&page\\_id=303](http://www.queenslibrary.org/index.aspx?section_id=12&page_id=303))
- **Purchase the book from neighborhood or online bookstores.** (Ex: Barnes and Noble and Borders location attached, or try [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com))
- **Check out the book from DPCS library during summer school hours.** (July 6 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- **Sit and read at DPCS during summer school hours** (Call to reserve your Sit and Read spot at least 24 hours in advance. Sit and read hours: 9:30—11:30 a.m. Call Ms. McClelland at 917- 282-3860)
- **All Summer Reading Lists are available online at [www.democracyprep.org](http://www.democracyprep.org)**

### I read my book ... now what?

SOON after finishing a book (so that the book is fresh in your mind), scholars must take and pass the Accelerated Quiz online. Each book on our list has a matching quiz online. Scholars will need access to a computer in which they will be required to log on, type in their username, their password and proceed to take the quiz. Scholars have done this all year long in school, so they know how to do it.

- WEBSITE: <https://hosted5.renlearn.com/17870/> (NO “www”!!)
- Login as STUDENT and “Find User Name”
- Type in your name and click on SEARCH
- Click on your name to access your account.
- Your password is abc.
- Select TAKE A QUIZ (Take “Reading Practice Quiz” – the first option on the list)
- Enter the Author’s Name OR Book Title. (Do Not Enter QUIZ NUMBERS)
- Find your book from the list and click on the book title in order to take the quiz.

If you do not have a computer at home, please refer to the list of local libraries as each library has several computers available for patron use. Again, as a last option, there will be 1-2 laptops set up in a DPCS location for your child to take the quiz.

**What happens if my scholar does not complete their reading and quizzes?**

We truly hope that no scholar finds him/herself in this position. If this is the case for any scholar however, we have set up consecutive Saturdays for time, resources, and opportunities for your child to complete the assignment.

**Any child not completing all 3 books and passing all 3 quizzes with an 80% will be required to attend.**

These mandatory Saturdays will begin on the first Saturday of the school year. You will know in advance if your child is required to attend. Please help to support your child throughout the summer so that they do not find themselves in the makeup sessions.

*We recommend that as soon as your scholar finishes reading one book, they immediately make arrangements to take their quiz. The information in the book is fresh in their brains. The longer your scholar waits to take the quiz, the more likely s/he will forget what s/he read.*

**Suggested Time Line and Due Dates:**

Required Books	Read By	Quiz Passed By	All books must be read and quizzes passed by:
Book 1	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	September 7 <sup>th</sup>
Book 2	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	September 7 <sup>th</sup>
Book 3	August 26 <sup>th</sup>	August 28 <sup>th</sup>	September 7 <sup>th</sup>

*\* Note: If you are unable to access the Accelerated Reader website, please keep checking back. They are scheduled to perform some minor maintenance for 2 weeks near the beginning of August.*

**If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the teachers/administrators listed below:**

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Thank you for your support. Together we will provide the needed opportunities for your child to become life-long-learners and lovers of literature. Please feel free to read the texts with your scholar. Happy Reading!

Partners in Learning,  
The Reading Department