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Dear Parents:

Children learn to read by reading and to write by writing. Through a planned summer reading and writing program, children can strengthen basic skills and expand interests. We are therefore sending you this summer reading list and a recommended writing assignment.

The reading assignment for incoming Grades 2, 3 and 4 is to read *three* (3) books from the attached lists. Please fill out the reading record form indicating the titles and authors and hand it in to your General Studies teacher on the first day of school, September 3, 2009.

The writing assignment, which is for grades 2-4 consists of keeping a daily journal or diary of thoughts or activities. These entries can be in English or in Hebrew. Bring the journal to school in September and give it to your teacher. Certificates will be presented in September to students who participate in this activity. In addition, have your child send us a postcard when on vacation and we'll include it in a display.

Copies of the lists and forms are available on the web by clicking the Back to School page, or you can use these links

We agree that summer is a time for relaxation and children should not be overburdened with work. Hopefully, reading and writing will become a part of that relaxation.  
Have a pleasant summer!

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Nina Wand  
Lower School Principal

**Beth Tfiloh Community School  
Summer Reading List  
Incoming Fourth Grade  
2009**

<b>Abbott, Tony</b>	<b>Time Surfers (any title in the series)</b>
<b>Birdsall, Jeanne</b>	<b>The Penderwicks</b>
<b>Blume, Judy</b>	<b>Superfudge</b>
<b>Brady, Esther</b>	<b>Toliver's Secret</b>
<b>Clements, Andrew</b>	<b>Frindle No Talking</b>
<b>Clifford, Eth</b>	<b>Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library</b>
<b>Cohen, Barbara</b>	<b>Queen for a Day *</b>
<b>Colfer, Eoin</b>	<b>The Legend of Spud Murphy</b>
<b>Curtis, Christopher</b>	<b>Bud Not Buddy</b>
<b>Dowell, Frances O.</b>	<b>Phineas L. MacGuire Blasts Off!</b>
<b>Di-Camillo, Kate</b>	<b>Because of Winn Dixie</b>
<b>Di Terlizzi, Toni</b>	<b>The Spiderwick Chronicles (any in the series)</b>
<b>Dowd, Siobhan</b>	<b>The London Eye Mystery</b>
<b>Eager, Edward</b>	<b>Half Magic</b>
<b>Fitzhugh, Louise</b>	<b>Harriet the Spy</b>
<b>Funk, Cornelia</b>	<b>Ghosthunters and the Muddy Monster of Doom</b>
<b>Friedman, Laurie</b>	<b>In Business with Mallory</b>
<b>Geras, Adele</b>	<b>My Grandmother's stories *</b>
<b>Gutman, Dan</b>	<b>Miss Small is off the Wall (or any in the series)</b>
<b>Hesse, Karen</b>	<b>Letters from Rifka *</b>
<b>Horvath, Polly</b>	<b>The Pepins and their Problems; Everything on a Waffle</b>
<b>Hurwitz, Joanna</b>	<b>The Rabbi's Girls *;</b>
<b>Kaye, M.M.</b>	<b>The Ordinary Princess</b>
<b>Kelly, Kathy</b>	<b>Lucy Rose: Busy Like You Can't Believe</b>
<b>Kline, Suzy</b>	<b>Herbie Jones and Hamburger Head</b>
<b>Klise, Kate</b>	<b>Letters from Camp</b>
<b>Lasky, Kathryn</b>	<b>The Capture (Guardians of Ga'Hoole Series)</b>
<b>Levine, Gail Carson</b>	<b>Princess Sonora and the Long Sleep; Ella Enchanted</b>
<b>Lowry, Lois</b>	<b>Number the Stars * Gooney Bird is so Absurd</b>
<b>Lubar, David</b>	<b>Punished!</b>
<b>Maguire, Gregory</b>	<b>One Final Firecracker</b>
<b>Martin, Ann M.</b>	<b>The Meanest Doll in the World</b>
<b>Mason, Simon</b>	<b>The Quigleys</b>
<b>Naylor, Phyllis R.</b>	<b>Shiloh</b>
<b>Nimmo, Jenny</b>	<b>Charley Bone (any title in the series)</b>
<b>Orlev, Uri</b>	<b>Lydia, Queen of Palestine *</b>

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<b>Pennypacker, Sara</b>	<b>Clementine's letter</b>
<b>Potter, Ellen</b>	<b>Olivia Kidney (any title in the series)</b>
<b>Rodda, Emily</b>	<b>Rowan of Rin</b>
<b>Roy, Ron</b>	<b>A to Z Mysteries (any title in the series)</b>
<b>Salisbury, Graham</b>	<b>Calvin Coconut, Trouble Magnet</b>
<b>Skolsky, Mindy</b>	<b>Love From Your Friend, Hannah *</b>
<b>Scieszka, Jon</b>	<b>Marco? Polo! (Or any title in Time Warp Series)</b>
<b>Smith, Robert K.</b>	<b>Chocolate Fever</b>
<b>Snicket, Lemony</b>	<b>A series of Unfortunate Events (any title in series)</b>
<b>Taylor, Sydney</b>	<b>All-of-a-Kind-Family *</b>
<b>Tunis, John</b>	<b>Rookie of the Year</b>
<b>Vande Velde, Vivian</b>	<b>Three Good Deeds</b>
<b>Warner, Gertrude C.</b>	<b>Any title in the 'Boxcar Children' series</b>
<b>Winthrop, Elizabeth</b>	<b>The Castle in the Attic</b>
<b>NON-FICTION:</b>	
<b>Berkow, Ira</b>	<b>Hank Greenberg *</b>
<b>Bingham, Caroline</b>	<b>Whale and Dolphins; Invention</b>
<b>Bishop, Nic</b>	<b>Spiders</b>
<b>Busby, Peter</b>	<b>First to Fly</b>
<b>Byrd, Robert</b>	<b>Leonardo :Beautiful Dreamer</b>
<b>Currie, Stephen</b>	<b>Mia Hamm</b>
<b>D'Aulaire,Ingrid</b>	<b>D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths</b>
<b>Holland, Simon</b>	<b>Reptiles</b>
<b>Hunter, Nigel</b>	<b>Einstein*</b>
<b>Lalicki, Tom</b>	<b>Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini*</b>
<b>Lansky, Bruce</b>	<b>A Bad Case of the Giggles</b>
<b>Mack, Lorrie</b>	<b>Arctic and Antarctic</b>
<b>Madden, John</b>	<b>John Maddens Heroes of Football</b>
<b>Nicholson, Lois</b>	<b>Cal Ripken, Jr.,</b>
<b>Simmons, Alex</b>	<b>Ben Carson</b>
<b>St.George, Judith</b>	<b>So You Want to be an Explorer?</b>
<b>Stanley, Diane</b>	<b>The Last Princess</b>
<b>Talbot, Hudson</b>	<b>Forging Freedom: *</b>

\* Denotes books of Jewish interest

**BETH TFILOH COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
SUMMER 2009  
READING RECORD  
GRADES 2-4**

Please list below the books you read this summer. You are expected to read at least three books from the suggested list.

TITLE

AUTHOR



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL: If you read even more this summer, list the titles and authors:

4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR NEW TEACHER ON  
THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009.**