



May 21, 2010

Dear Ponce Parents/Guardians:

As this school year draws to an end and we prepare for summer vacations, we would like to remind you that according to the M-DCPS Comprehensive Reading Plan, students are required to read a minimum of two books during the summer. The required summer reading list is listed below.

Daily reading is essential to supporting strong reading skills. Therefore, students will be required to keep a "Reading Log." Once the school year begins, students will take an Accelerated Reader on each book read during the summer. The test will be taken here at Ponce Middle School, and the test results will be given to your language arts teacher during the first quarter. The reading log and two Accelerated Reader tests, one for each book read will each be worth one grade for a total of three grades. The three grades will be averaged into the student's overall grade for the first marking period of the 2010/2011 academic year.

As part of the summer reading requirement, students must complete 10 Reading Plus sessions at 70% comprehension or higher. Students will have access to the Reading Plus program until August 9, 2010. Those students who complete the specific number or more of Reading Plus sessions will be eligible to participate in a Reading Plus celebration in the first quarter of the upcoming academic year.

**Required Summer Reading for Ponce Middle School  
2009-2010**

Regular 5<sup>th</sup> grader who will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *The Skin I'm In* (Flake) and *Esperanza Rising* (Ryan)

Regular 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *The Outsiders* (Hinton) and *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* (Bradshares)

Regular 7<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *Going through the Gate* (Anderson) and *When You Reach Me* (Stead)

Advanced 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* (Curtis) and *Among the Hidden* (Haddix)

Advanced 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *What Are You Afraid Of? Stories about Phobias* (Donald Gallo) and *The Face on the Milk Carton* (Cooney)

Advanced 7<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *Raisin in the Sun* (Hansberry) and *The Diary of a Young Girl* (Frank)

Gifted 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *Gossamer* (Lowry) and *Island of the Blue Dolphins* (O'Dell).

Gifted 6<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *Life As We Knew It* (Pfeffer) and *The Dark Is Rising* (Cooper)

Gifted 7<sup>th</sup> graders who will be entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year: *Flowers for Algernon* (Keyes) and *Let the Circle be Unbroken* (Taylor)

We look forward to seeing you in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Rodriguez  
Principal



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### Reading Achievement Log

I have read for 30 minutes daily in the month of June and July 2010.

I have read for 30 minutes daily from August 1, 2010 through August 22, 2010.

1. Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_