

July 2010

Dear Families:

Attached is a list of titles from our reading incentive program, Title Trekking. The Title Trek program now enters its 21st year of encouraging students to read beyond the classroom, and especially, to read for pleasure. The titles on our list are symbolic of our own 46 Adirondack high peaks. Like the mountains, selections vary in content and reading level; from the lower elevation to the challenging higher peaks. Your child may be involved with Title Trekking for pleasure or to satisfy an intellectual quest. Whether they enjoy one good book, or want to read all 46; it's their choice. Title Trek selections are made foremost for their high readability—in other words, to get children reading!

Kind regards,

Colette Wilson

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| TITLE | AUTHOR | BRIEF DESCRIPTION | MOUNTAIN | ELEV: |
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| WHAT I SAW AND HOW I LIED | BLUNDELL | Caught in a complicated web of love and intrigue, Evie tiptoes around devastating family truths. | MARCY | 5344 |
| MARCELO IN THE REAL WORLD | STORK | 17-year-old Marcelo marches to a different drummer. An unusual & thought provoking story. Suspense, corruption, romance and living with Asperger's syndrome. | ALGONQUIN | 5115 |
| PAPER TOWNS | GREEN | Smart teen in love with a reckless girl next door. She disappears; he searches. Pranks, road trips & soul searching. | HAYSTACK | 4961 |
| FAHRENHEIT 451 | BRADBURY | 60 years after publication a future sci-fi world where books are scorned, feared and burned. Happiness is the highest goal; trivial information is good; knowledge and ideas are bad; philosophy or sociology is the "slippery stuff" that produces melancholy. | SKYLIGHT | 4924 |
| IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY | VIZZINI | The pressure of a prestigious school and his own perfectionism throws 15-year-old Craig into serious depression. Set mostly in a psyche ward, likeable characters and resolution make this a thought provoking and appealing read. | WHITEFACE | 4866 |
| DOOM MACHINE | TEAGUE | Great science fiction that speeds along without a hitch & takes readers to a brand-new world. | DIX | 4830 |
| MOLOKA'I | BRENNERT | Historical fiction when paradise goes awry. A little girl grows up in a quarantined leprosy settlement off Hawaii. Fascinating, moving and inspirational. | GRAY | 4830 |
| HOMEBOYZ | SITOMER | Computer hacking & vigilante vengeance are Teddy's mission—only to take a surprising turn. Edge of your seat read. | IROQUOIS | 4830 |
| SCAT | HIAASEN | Eco-avengers; an endangered, hunted panther; illegal pipelines in the Everglades; and an underachieving student with the nickname "Smoke" all play a part in this page-turner. | BASIN | 4826 |
| HIDDEN TALENTS | LUBAR | High-risk teens' dysfunction turns to positive power. For teen sci-fi buffs who like some humor with their virtual escapes/adventures. | GOTHICS | 4734 |
| TWILIGHT, NEW MOON, ETC., ETC. | MYERS | New-age gothic romance with vampire heroes and swaggering werewolves—prepare to swoon. | COLDEN | 4715 |
| THE FINAL WARNING | PATTERSON | A sassy, fast-paced adventure yarn that every Maximum Ride fan will rip through. | GIANT | 4626 |
| GOOSE GIRL | HALE | A Grimms' classic fairy tale revamped with enchantment, espionage and special powers. | NIPPLETOP | 4610 |
| SPACE STATION SEVENTH GRADE | SPINELLI | Hilarious pangs of adolescence, from gym to girlfriends. | SANTANONI | 4606 |
| THE GEORGES AND THE JEWELS | SMILEY, JANE | An irresistible horse story that you never want to end. A young girl's life revolves around living, riding, caring for, understanding and protecting horses. A gem. | REDFIELD | 4606 |
| WHEN YOU REACH ME | STEAD | Unusual, captivating, mysterious and a Wow! ending that makes you think. | WRIGHT PEAK | 4580 |
| WHEN MY NAME WAS KEOKO | PARK | Through alternating narratives, a brother & sister recount the Japanese occupation of Korea. Excellent! | SADDLEBACK | 4528 |
| THE WATSON'S GO TO BIRMINGHAM: 1963 | CURTIS | A LOL family story told within the framework of a somber time. | PANTHER | 4442 |
| RAVEN'S GATE | HOROWITZ | Ancient evil is at work! Not for the fainthearted. | TABLETOP | 4413 |
| THE RED PYRAMID | RIORDAN | Riordan does a great job of combining humor with action and adventure, this time revolving around Egyptian mythology. Percy fans will flip! | ROCKY PEAK | 4410 |
| RULES | LORD | A sensitive story about being caught in a different family—Catherine's little brother is autistic—and Catherine discovers that it is very normal to be different. | MACOMB MT. | 4409 |
| THE SQUIRE'S TALE | MORRIS | Medieval England: knights, squires, King Arthur, Merlin, and lots of fun and action. | HOUGH | 4409 |
| THE TEACHER'S FUNERAL | PECK | "If your teacher has to die. August isn't a bad time of year for it." So begins this LOL historical novel. | ARMSTRONG | 4390 |
| MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY | STEWART | Super smart band of kids infiltrate a compound & foil an evil plan to take over the world. | MARSHALL | 4380 |
| A SINGLE SHARD | PARK | An orphan yearns to become an apprentice to a famous potter but first he must complete a quest. Adventure, friendship, rejection and acceptance. Great read. | ALLEN | 4347 |

Age appropriateness and reading challenge corresponds to the elevations of the 46 Adirondack High Peaks—Title Trek from lower elevations (4th grade) through the higher peaks (H.S./ADULT).

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| HUGO CABRET | SELZNICK | Fabulous story with multiple levels of intrigue & amazing illustrations. | SEWARD | 4347 |
| DARK POND | BRUCHAC | Boarding school in Lake Placid. Mystery and ghosts. | BIG SLIDE | 4249 |
| THE LAST INVISIBLE BOY | KUHLMAN | Written in journal format this sad story is ironically an enjoyable read. Comical, conversational, charming and compelling. Deceptively complex in a refreshingly simple way. | ESTHER | 4239 |
| SHILOH | NAYLOR | Boy rescues dog from abuse. Lots of heart and soul in this one. | UPPER WOLF JAWS | 4188 |
| THE SPIRIT OF WHITEFACE | BOWMAN | A summertime tale of visiting his grandfather and summer friends, in a sleepy Adirondack town. Boy high jinks and camping adventure make this a fun story. | LOWER WOLF JAWS | 4173 |
| BONE (series) | SMITH | The Bone cousins leave their home of Boneville and are swept up in a Tolkienesque epic of royalty, dragons, and unspeakable evil forces out to conquer humankind. Graphic novel/comics that kids LOVE! | PHELPS | 4161 |
| THE KITE FIGHTERS | PARK | Conflicts in family loyalty & culture as two brothers anticipate the annual New Year's Kite competition in Seoul, Korea in 1473. Action packed. | SAWTEETH | 4180 |
| CORALINE | GAIMAN | Alternative fantasy - scary! | STREET | 4180 |
| ESPERANZA RISING | RYAN | Great depression and Mexican immigrants. | DONALDSON | 4140 |
| THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY | REX | High energy futuristic romp; wildly imaginative and hilarious w/serious undertones. | CASCADE | 4098 |
| MAGICIAN'S ELEPHANT | DICAMILLO | Fortunetelling, elephants, enchantment, magic and adventure. DiCamillo has all the storytelling ingredients mixed just right. | SEYMOUR | 4091 |
| P.S. LONGER LETTER LATER | DANZIGER | Friendship/letters/moving. | COLVIN | 4085 |
| DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (series) | KINNEY | Kinney makes the mundane life of boys on the brink of adolescence hilarious. Greg is a conflicted soul: he wants to do the right thing, but the constant quest for status and girls seems to undermine his every effort. Graphic novel/comic. | PORTER | 4085 |
| STARGIRL | SPINELLI | Dancing to her own tune & charming those around her, Stargirl's spirit is a gift not to miss. | SOUTH DIX | 4060 |
| HALF-A-MOON INN | FLEISCHMAN | Suspense and white-knuckle adventure. | EMMONS | 4040 |
| THE DOLL PEOPLE | MARTIN | Dolls come to life & have great adventures. | DIAL | 4020 |
| MEAN MARGARET | SEIDLER | Big bad baby raised by good animals. Humorous. | EAST DIX | 4006 |
| DAVE AT NIGHT | LEVINE | Set during the Harlem renaissance; artists, musicians, orphans and friendships. | BLAKE | 3986 |
| JACK ON THE TRACKS | GANTOS | More outrageous tales from a master of wild antics and unfortunate predicaments. | CLIFF | 3944 |
| ALCHEMY AND MEGGY SWAN | CUSHMAN | Meggy, deformed since birth, walks with the help of two sticks. She is an intrepid, resourceful and courageous girl in this challenging yet witty tale set in 16th-century London. Cushman fans will be delighted. | NVE | 3895 |
| THE SCARECROW & HIS SERVANT | PULLMAN | A bit of Dr. Doolittle, a dash of Oz, and a heap of laughs. | | |