

## Why Read 6 Books?

Reading over the summer is a must! Numerous research reports that state that students lose concepts that were gained through the school year if they do not continue to read during the summer. Of even greater concern is that these gaps are cumulative from summer to summer. Research shows reading and responding to a minimum of 6 books prevents some of those gaps from occurring over the summer. Because the students and teachers work so hard throughout the school year, we want to help students to continue to grow and learn by reading over the summer break. We are recommending each child read at least six books over the summer so they will come back next year ready to go!

## How to Get Started

- Go to [web.melissaisd.org](http://web.melissaisd.org)
- Click on **Melissa Ridge Intermediate**
- Click on **Build Your Reading Muscles**
- Log in:  
Username: Your student ID#  
Password: melissa
- Click on **Book Talk**

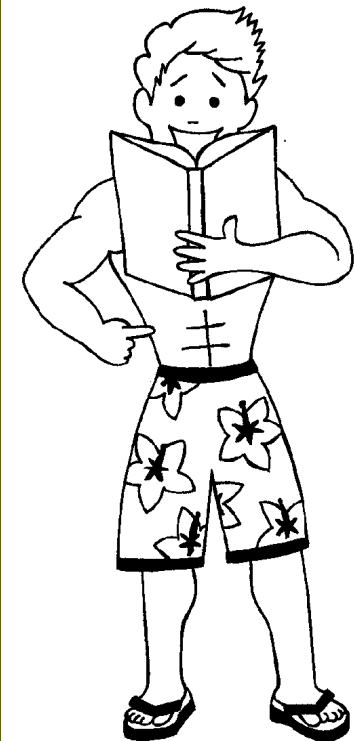
- If you see the title of the book you are reading listed down below on the left, just click on it to continue a discussion that someone has already started.
- If your book is not listed, click on the *Add New Discussion Topic* button and type in both the title and the author on the subject line (i.e. The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan). Then, in the box below, begin typing your thoughts, summary, and/or connections to what you have read so far. When finished, click on the *Submit* button on the bottom of the page.
- Remember, your goal is to read at least 6 books this summer to Build Your Reading Muscles! You need to add discussions in 6 different book talks.

Have fun reading over the summer! We cannot wait to see what everyone has to say about the books they are reading. We will all come back stronger than before. Happy Reading!

Email [aeichel@melissaisd.org](mailto:aeichel@melissaisd.org) with any questions

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## MRI's Top 25 Books

|    |                                 |                      |
|----|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1  | The Lightning Thief             | Riordan, Rick        |
| 2  | Eragon                          | Paolini, Christopher |
| 3  | The Sea of Monsters             | Riordan, Rick        |
| 4  | The People of Sparks            | DuPrau, Jeanne       |
| 5  | Diary of a Wimpy Kid            | Kinney, Jeff         |
| 6  | The City of Ember               | DuPrau, Jeanne       |
| 7  | Invention of Hugo Cabret        | Selznick, Brian      |
| 8  | The Merchant of Death           | MacHale, D.J.        |
| 9  | 15 Minutes                      | Young, Steve         |
| 10 | A Living Nightmare              | Shan, Darren         |
| 11 | How to Steal a Dog              | O'Connor, Barbara    |
| 12 | The Mysterious Benedict Society | Stewart, Trenton Lee |
| 13 | The Titan's Curse               | Riordan, Rick        |
| 14 | The Battle of the Labyrinth     | Riordan, Rick        |
| 15 | The Graveyard Book              | Gaiman, Neil         |
| 16 | Moving Day                      | Cabot, Meg           |
| 17 | Found                           | Haddix, Margeret     |
| 18 | Eleven                          | Myracle, Lauren      |
| 19 | Lunch Money                     | Clements, Andrew     |
| 20 | Maze of Bones                   | Riordan, Rick        |
| 21 | The Prophet of Yonwood          | DuPrau, Jeanne       |
| 22 | Bone: Out From Boneville        | Smith, Jeff          |
| 23 | Eldest                          | Paolini, Christopher |
| 24 | Swindle                         | Korman, Gordon       |
| 25 | Tunnels                         | Gordon, Roderick     |

## Popular Series

|                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 39 Clues                        | various              |
| Alex Rider                      | Horowitz, Anthony    |
| Allie Finkle                    | Cabot, Meg           |
| Baseball Card series            | Gutman, Dan          |
| Book of Time                    | Prevost, Guillaume   |
| Books of Ember                  | DuPrau, Jeanne       |
| Cirque du Freak                 | Shan, Darren         |
| Dive                            | Korman, Gordon       |
| Eragon                          | Paolini, Christopher |
| Gregor the Overlander           | Collins, Suzanne     |
| Harry Potter                    | Rowling, J.K.        |
| The Keys to the Kingdom         | Nix, Garth           |
| The Mysterious Benedict Society | Stewart, Trenton Lee |
| The Nine Lives of Romeo Crumb   | Rifkin, L.           |
| On the Run                      | Korman, Gordon       |
| Pendragon                       | MacHale, D.J.        |
| Percy Jackson & the Olympians   | Riordan, Rick        |
| Seekers                         | Hunter, Erin         |
| Series of Unfortunate Events    | Snicket, Lemony      |
| The Shadow Children             | Haddix, Margaret     |
| Tunnels                         | Gordon, Roderick     |
| Warriors                        | Hunter, Erin         |

## Popular Authors

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| Avi                  |
| Cabot, Meg           |
| Carman, Patrick      |
| Clements, Andrew     |
| Collins, Suzanne     |
| Creech, Sharon       |
| DuPrau, Jeanne       |
| Gaiman, Neil         |
| Gutman, Dan          |
| Haddix, Margeret     |
| Hahn, Mary Downing   |
| Hobbs, Will          |
| Kinney, Jeff         |
| Korman, Gordon       |
| Lowry, Lois          |
| MacHale, D.J.        |
| Myracle, Lauren      |
| Paolini, Christopher |
| Paulsen, Gary        |
| Riordan, Rick        |
| Rowling, J.K.        |
| Ryan, Pam Muñoz      |
| Sachar, Louis        |
| Shan, Darren         |
| Smith, Jeff          |
| Smith, Roland        |
| Spinelli, Jerry      |