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To: Parents/Guardians  
From: Stefanie DeGiorgio, *Reading Specialist*  
CC: Dontè Fulton, *Principal*  
Re: Book Report: Mandatory Summer Reading 2011

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Each year, new and returning HAAS students are required to read selected novels and complete specific grade level assignments. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. Over the summer, parents can assist their children in sustaining and bolstering their reading skills, strengthening their vocabulary, and reinforcing the benefits of reading for enjoyment.

For the 2011-2012 school year at Hollywood Academy of Arts & Science, each student is required to read two books and complete the summer reading book report for each.

**Failure to complete these assignments will result in the student receiving zeros.**

It is **mandatory** that all students read the required reading book for his/her grade level. In addition, your child is required to read a second book of his/her choice. While we have provided you with a suggested reading list, please note that you are not limited to this selection and that your child may choose another book at grade level.

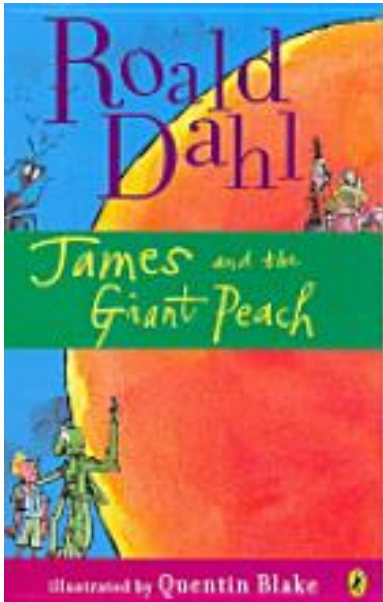
Your child has the opportunity to complete a third book report for extra credit. This may also be a book of their choice at grade level.

**Attached you will find a copy of the summer reading book report.** You may go online at [www.hollywoodcharter.org](http://www.hollywoodcharter.org) to print out additional copies of the book report. **These will be collected the first week of school.**

Have a great summer!

Required Summer Reading 2011

3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE



James and the Giant Peach: Roald Dahl

When James accidentally drops some magic crystals by the old peach tree, strange things start to happen. The peach at the top of the tree begins to grow, and before long it's as big as a house. Then James discovers a secret entranceway into the fruit, and when he crawls inside, he meets a bunch of oversized friends-Grasshopper, Centipede, Ladybug, and more. After years of feeling like an outsider in his aunts' house, James has finally found a place where he belongs. With a snip of the stem, the peach starts rolling away, and the adventure begins!

**Basic Information About the Book**

**Names of the Main Characters:**

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**Where does the story take place? (Setting)**

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**When does the story take place? Over the course of the Day? A month? A year? How do you know?**

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Character Study

Choose two characters to describe by answering the questions below. **(Please use complete sentences.)**

**Name of Character** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Physical Likeness. (What does the character look like?)

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2. Personality. (What kind of a person is the character look like?)

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**Name of Character** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Physical Likeness. (What does the character look like?)

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4. Personality. (What kind of a person is the character look like?)

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**Vocabulary**

As you read the story, find three words that you do not understand. Look them up and give the following information.

1. Word : \_\_\_\_\_ Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

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2. Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

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3. Word: \_\_\_\_\_ Page Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a sentence using the vocabulary word.

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**100 Suggested Titles for Elementary School Students  
Alphabetical by Author**

AUTHOR	TITLE	© DATE
1. Ada, Alma Flor and Leslie Tryon	Extra! Extra! Fairy-Tale News from Hidden Forest	2007
2. Alsenas, Linas	Peanut	2007
3. Anasu, Laya	Little Horizons (e-book)	2009
4. Anderson, Peggy Perry	Chuck's Band	2008
5. Avi	Beginning, a muddle, and an end, A: The Right Way To Writing Writing.	2008
6. Balliett, Blue	Calder Game, The	2008
7. Banks, Kate	Lenny's Space	2007
8. Barton, Chris	Shark vs. Train	2010
9. Beard, Alex	Jungle Grapevine, The	2009
10. Berlin, Eric	Puzzling World of Winston Breen, The	2007
11. Biel, Michael	The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour	2009
12. Botzakis, Stergios	What's Your Source? Questioning the News	2009
13. Brendler, Carol	Winnie Finn, Worm Farmer	2009
14. Broach, Elise	Gumption	2010
15. Buffett, Jimmy	Swine Not!	2008
16. Burleigh, Robert	One Giant Leap	2009
17. Carlson, Drew	Attack of the Turtle: a novel	2007
18. Cheshire, Simon	Curse of the Ancient Mask, The: And Other Case Files	2009
19. Corey, Shana	Mermaid Queen : the Spectacular True Story of Annette Kellerman, Who Swam Her Way to Fame, Fortune, & Swimsuit History!	2009
20. Davis, Tony	Roland Wright, Future Knight	2010
21. Demi	Marco Polo	2008
22. DiCamillo, Kate	Magician's Elephant, The	2009
23. DiTerlizzi, Tony	Nixie's Song, The	2007
24. Dungy, Tony	You Can Do It!	2008
25. Falvey, David	Letters to a Soldier	2009
26. Floca, Brian	Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11	2009
27. Flood, Bo	Warriors in the Crossfire	2010
28. Florian, Douglas	Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings	2007
29. Franco, Betsy	Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: And Other School Poems for Two Voices	2009
30. Funke, Cornelia	Igraine, the brave	2007
31. Gregorich, Barbara	Waltur Paints Himself into a Corner and Other Stories	2007
32. Gutman, Dan	Return of the Homework Machine	2009
33. Henkes, Kevin	Good Day, A	2007
34. Herman, Charlotte	My Chocolate Year	2008

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35. Hershey, Mary	10 lucky things that have happened to me since I nearly got hit by lightning	2009
36. Holt, Kimberly Willis	Piper Reed Gets A Job	2009
37. Howe, James	Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk	2009
38. Hubbard, Crystal	The Last Black King of the Kentucky Derby: the Story of Jimmy Winkfield	2008
39. Johnson, Angela	Lily Brown's Paintings	2007
40. Katz, Alan	Stinky Thinking: Number 2	2007
41. Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	2007
42. Kipling, Rudyard	If: A Father's Advice to His Son	2007
43. Klise, Kate	Dying to Meet You	2009
44. Knudsen, Michelle	Dragon of Trelian, The	2009
45. Korman, Gordon	Swindle	2008
46. Krosoczka, Jarrett	Lunch Lady and the League of Librarians	2009
47. Krull, Kathleen	The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth	2009
48. Larsen, C. S.	Crust & Spray: Gross Stuff in your Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat	2010
49. Lasky, Kathryn	One Beetle Too Many: the Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin	2009
50. Leal, Ann	Also Known as Harper	2009
51. LeMarche, Jim	Lost and Found: Three Dog Stories	2009
52. Lerangis, Peter	Viper's Nest, The	2010
53. Lewin, Ted	At Gleason's Gym	2007
54. Lewis, Maggie	Morgy's Musical Summer	2008
55. Lincoln, Christopher	Billy Bones: A Tale from the Secrets Closet	2008
56. Lowry, Lois	Gooney Bird is so Absurd	2009
57. Lumry, Amanda and Laura Hurwitz	Adventures of Riley: Safari in South Africa	2009
58. MacDonald, Amy	Too Much Flapdoodle	2008
59. MacLachlan, Patricia	Word After Word After Word	2010
60. Mariconda, Barbara	Sort It Out!	2008
61. Marino, Nan	Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me	2009
62. Mass, Wendy	11 Birthdays	2009
63. McCarthy, Meghan	Astronaut Handbook	2008
64. McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody and Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt	2009
65. Meyerhoff, Jenny	Third Grade Baby	2008
66. Morris, Gerald	Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great, The	2008
67. Morse, Scott	Magic Pickle and the Planet of the Grapes	2008
68. Nelson, Kadir	We are the Ship: the Story of Negro League Baseball	2008
69. O'Brien, Howard	The Impulsive Imp (e-book)	2009
70. O'Shei, Tim	Diana, Princess of Wales	2009

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71. Olson, Tod	How to Get Rich on a Texas Cattle Drive : in which I tell the honest truth about rampaging rustlers, stampeding steers, and other fateful hazards on the wild Chisholm Trail	2010
72. Petit, Karen	The Mystery of the Circus Curse: Dancing bear adds drama to circus woes	2009
73. Powell, Martin	Tale of Paul Bunyan, The	2010
74. Prelutsky, Jack	My Dog May Be a Genius	2008
75. Rankin, Laura	Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie	2007
76. Rees, Douglas	Uncle Pirate	2008
77. Root, Phyllis	Paula Bunyan	2009
78. Ruddell, Deborah	Today at the Blue-Bird Café: A Branchful of Birds	2007
79. Sauer, Tammi	Chicken Dance	2009
80. Schlitz, Laura Amy	Night Fairy, The	2010
81. Schwarts, Heather E.	Yourspace: Questioning New Media	2009
82. Shefelman, Janice	Anna Maria's Gift	2010
83. Siegal, Aranka	Memories of Babi	2008
84. Smith, Lane	Madam President	2008
85. Stead, Rebecca	When You Reach Me	2009
86. Suen, Anastasia	Times Table Cheat	2008
87. Surgal, Jon	Have You Seen My Dinosaur?	2010
88. Tankard, Jeremy	Grumpy Bird	2007
89. Tingle, Tim	Crossing Bok Chitto	2006
90. Wan, Guofang	Virtually True: Questioning Online Media	2007
91. Watt, Melanie	Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend	2007
92. Wheeler, Lisa	Dino-hockey	2007
93. Whitehouse, Howard	The island of mad scientists : being an excursion to the wilds of Scotland, involving many marvels of experimental invention, pirates, a heroic cat, a mechanical man and a monkey	2008
94. Wilson, Karma	What's the Weather Inside?: Poems	2009
95. Winkler, Henry	Tale of Two Tails, A (a Hank Zipzer story)	2009
96. Winter, Jonah	You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?	2009
97. Wong, Janet S.	Twist: Yoga Poems	2007
98. Wynne-Jones, Tim	Rex Zero: King of Nothing	2008
99. Yaccarino, Dan	Go, Go America	2008
100. Yolen, Jane	All Star! Honus Wagner and the Most Famous Baseball Card Ever	2010