

SANKOFA FREEDOM ACADEMY K - 5 SUMMER READING LIST 2010

*** Mandatory Reading

Choose at least 3 for assignments

Kindergarten

***Africa Dream by Pierre Yves Njeng

***The Night Before Kindergarten by Natsha Wing

***I love My Hair by Natsha Anatasia Tarpley

Why is the Sky So Far Away? A Nigerian Folktale, by Mary-Joan Gerson

Wonders: The Best Children's Poems of Effie Lee Newsome

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats

Moja Means One: Swahili Counting Book, Tom & Muriel Feelings

Nobody Owns the Sky, by Reeve Lindbergh

At the Crossroads, by Rachel Isadora

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Queen of the Scene by Queen Latifah

Miss Tizzy – Libba Moore Gray

First Grade

***Just the Two of Us – Will Smith

***Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting, Yuyi Morales

***Hewitt Anderson's Great Big Life Eric Velasquez

David, No David, by David Shannon

To Be A Drum, by Evelyn Coleman

Ellington Was Not A Street by Ntozake Shange

A band of Angels by Deborah Hopkinson

It's Okay to Be Different, by Todd Parr

Rum a Tum Tum, by Angela Shelf Medearis

Let it Shine by Bryan Ashley

Just the Two of Us by Will Smith

Second Grade

***My name is Celia, by Ellen Levine

Mercy Watson Fights Crime, by Kate DiCamillo

Black Beauty by Anna Sewel

Grandpa is Everything Black Bad?, by Sandy L. Coleman

Follow The Drinking Gourd, by Jeannette Winter

Coming Home Soon, by Jacqueline Woodson

***This Jazz Man, by Karen Ehrhardt

Max, The Stubborn Little Wolf, by Marie OdileJudes

***Family Pictures by Carmen Lomas Gomez

Stellauna by Janell Cannon

Rock of Ages, by Tonya Bolden

Book Fiesta by Pat Mora

A Sweet Smell of Roses Angela Johnson

Third Grade

***Black Cowboys and Wild Horses by Julius Lester

***Barrio: Jose's Neighborhood by George Ancona

***Jazz by Walter Dean Myers

Judy Moody M.D. the Dr. is In by Meagan McDonald

An Enchanted Hair Tale, Harper & Row Publications

Me and Uncle Romie, by Claire Hartfield

Brothers of the Knight, by Debbie Allen

Getting Through Thursday, by Melrose Cooper

Lunch Money, by Andrew Clements

A Sweet Smell of Roses by Angela Johnson

Sister Magic by Anne Mazer

Spin a Soft Black Song, Nikki Giovanni (Poetry)

Smoky Night, by Eve Bunting

The Village that Vanished, by Ann Grifalconi

Clever Ali, by Nancy Farmer

Fourth Grade

***Night Boat to Freedom – Margot Raven

***Remember the Bridge by Weatherford

***Cinco De Mayo by Jonah Winter

Tamika and The Wisdom Rings, by Camille Yarbrough

I've Seen the Promise Land, by Walter Dean Myers

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Corre

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, by Judy Bloom

Major Taylor, Champion Cyclist, by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Malcolm X: A Fire Burning Brightly, by Walter Dean Myers

Yatandou, by Gloria Whelan

The Watsons Go To Birmingham-1963

Island of the Blue Dolphins, by Scott O'Dell

REMEMBER: 3 Mandatory + 3 Optional = 5 Required Readings

Fifth Grade

*****Of Beetles and Angels – Mawi Asgedom**

*****Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez**

*****The Secret of Gumbo Grove by Elenora Tate**

Call Me Maria - Judith Ortiz Cofer

Freedom Train – The Story of Harriet Tubman

Walls of Cartagena – Julia Durango

My One hundred adventures – Polly Horath

Diary of a Wimpy Kid the last straw by Jeff Kenny

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass

Heaven Angela Johnson

The Land – Mildred Taylor

The Road to Memphis by Mildred D. Taylor

Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

REMEMBER: 3 Mandatory + 2 Optional = 5 Required Readings