

# 2009 Summer Activities...

Swimming. Backpacking. **Reading**. Running. Camping. **Reading**. Bicycling. **Reading**. Dirt-biking. **Reading**. Sunbathing.

Hereford Middle School is pleased to begin our eighth summer encouraging and recognizing students on all grade levels who choose to enrich their summer activities by including reading as a summer activity. We will continue to utilize the Accelerated Reader (AR) book list as the foundation for summer enrichment reading. We currently have over 3000 titles, so we're confident everyone will find at least TWO interesting books to read this summer! We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to demonstrate your reading interests and skills! And, consider this: if you read two books and earn an 80% or better on each Accelerated Reader test, you'll begin the school year with **extra credit** in English!

## How do you participate?

1. Read **at least** two books. (We encourage you to read more!) Be sure to record the information about your books on the *Strive for 25 Reading Log* (on the back of this page)

- Read at least one book from the list titled **Black-Eyed Susan Nominees 2009 -2010** (see titles below)  
**NOTE:** Black-Eyed Susan books are also AR books; you may choose to read two Black-Eyed Susan books.

<i>Shark Girl</i> Kelly Bingham		<i>A Thousand Never Evers</i> Shana Burg
<i>Dragon's Keep</i> Janet Carey		<i>The London Eye Mystery</i> Sjobhan Dowd
<i>Go Big or Go Home</i> Will Hobbs		<i>Schooled</i> Gordan Korman
<i>Skullduggery Pleasant</i> (Also known as <i>Scepter of the Ancients</i> ) Derek Landy		<i>The Killing Sea</i> Richard Lewis
<i>Zen and the Art of Faking It</i> Jordan Sonnenblick		<i>Someone Named Eva</i> Joan Wolf

- Read at least one book from the **Accelerated Reader (AR) Book List** (see web address below)  
**NOTE:** The list is organized by AUTHOR and TITLE. When reviewing the list recognize that books range from elementary to high school in both interest and reading levels. Only parents can judge the appropriateness of a selected book.

<http://herefordms.bcps.org/library.htm>

2. Summer reading assessments will be held during the first six weeks of the 2009 - 2010 school year.  
 Language Arts teachers will schedule a time for you to visit the school library to complete a ten minute computer based summer reading assessment for each book you read. We encourage you to take notes about the plot, characters, and setting of each book you read this summer; you will be able to use your notes on the day of your test!

Enjoy the summer and include **Reading** as one of your **summer activities!**



The Maryland State Department of Education Voluntary State Curriculum and the Baltimore County Public Schools Blueprint for Progress state we will each read a minimum of 25 self-selected and/or assigned books during the school year. Use this log to chart your progress toward meeting this goal!

	<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author's Name</b>	<b>Accelerated Reader Test Score</b>	<b>Date Tested</b>	<b>Rating</b>
1					😊 😐 😞
2					😊 😐 😞
3					😊 😐 😞
4					😊 😐 😞
5					😊 😐 😞
6					😊 😐 😞
7					😊 😐 😞
8					😊 😐 😞
9					😊 😐 😞
10					😊 😐 😞

*Anything Can Happen When You Open a Book!*