

Applegarth Middle School

Summer 2009 Reading List

All Students Required Reading:

Neal Shusterman

The Schwa Was Here

Eighth-grade Brooklynite "Antsy" Bonano narrates this fast-paced tale of how a classmate, Charles Schwa, seems to appear and disappear in thin air, "They say his clothes blend into the background, no matter where he stands. They say a lot of things about the Schwa, but one thing's for sure: no one ever noticed him. Except me. My name is Antsy Bonano—and I was the one who realized the Schwa was "functionally invisible" and used him to make some big bucks. But I was also the one who caused him more grief than a friend should."

Neal Shusterman is the author of many novels for young adults, including *Unwind*, *Everlost*, and *Downsiders*. He also writes screenplays for motion pictures and television shows such as *Animorphs* and *Goosebumps*.

Additional Summer Reading:

MYSTERY

Anthony Horowitz

Storm Breaker

Joan Lowery Nixon

Murdered, My Sweet

Vicki Grant

Quid Pro Quo

John Feinstein

Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

Mary Higgins Clark

Weep No More My Lady* (8th graders only)

Ally Carter

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You

Roland Smith

I, Q.

CLASSICAL FICTION

Louisa May Alcott

Eight Cousins

Mark Twain

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Arthur Conan Doyle

Hound of the Baskervilles* (8th graders only)

Wilson Rawles

Where the Red Fern Grows

Lucy Maud Montgomery

Anne of Green Gables

HISTORICAL FICTION

Gennifer Choldenko

Al Capone Does My Shirts

Jennifer L. Holm

Boston Jane

Janet Taylor Lisle

Black Duck

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Carl Deuker

Night Hoops

Andrew Clements

Things Not Seen* (7th graders only)

David Lubar

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* (8th graders only)

Justin Sonnenblick

Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie

Caroline B. Cooney

Flight #116 Is Down

Code Orange * (8th graders only)

Jerry Spinelli

StarGirl

Susan Beth Pfeffer

Life As We Knew It

Contemporary Fiction Continued:

Mike Lupica

Travel Team

Roland Smith

Peak

Kate Brian

Lucky T

Gary Schmidt

The Wednesday Wars

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Patricia C. Wrede

Dealing with Dragons

David Lubar

Hidden Talents

True Talents* (8th graders only)

Tamora Pierce

Alanna: The First Adventure

Scott Westerfield

Uglies

Douglas Adams

Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy

Orson Scott Card

Ender's Game

Stephanie Meyer

Twilight: The Twilight Saga (Book 1)

Michael Buckley

The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy Tale Detectives

Douglas Rees

Vampire High

NONFICTION

Gary Paulsen

Guts

My Life In Dog Years (**7th graders only**)

Peter Nelson

Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS
Indianapolis

Francisco Jimenez

The Circuit

Jerry Spinelli

Knots In My Yo-Yo String

Samantha Abeel

My Thirteenth Winter

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Jason Lutes & Nick Bertozzi

Houdini: The Handcuff King