

METROWEST CLASSROOM

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DAILY NEWS

HONOR ROLLS

The following students made the honor rolls for third trimester at Fuller Middle School in Framingham.

GRADE 6

HIGH HONORS: Marisa Book, Jared Brockway, Sophia Chan, Amanda Davis, Diego Diaz Tejada, Allison Fortin, Leah Gomes, Daniel Gronberg Jr., Alexis Gudiel Guerra, Erin Halpin, Timothy Healy, Jonathan Katziff, Ambreen Khan, Matthew Kimmelstiel, Sarah Mainzer, Chigozie Nna, Larissa Picard, Abigail Plone, Kaitlyn Seeto, Steven Velez, Lara Williams, Christina Ziogas

HONORS: Erin Ablondi, Saul Amster, Ana Luisa Batista, Emma Boisvert, Samantha Bushell, Evan Chansky, Breeana Choate, Deylamara Colon, Katelin Copithorne, Joshua Davis, Junia De Andrade, Kethelyn De Souza, Ifeanyi Egesi, Margaret Farese, Kristen Figueroa, James Gavan, Vincent Georgopoulos, Geraldo Gonzalez, Cesar Gray, Olivia Green, Ren Hanna, Troy Johnson, Allyson Jones, Nyindu Kabangu, Alex Lermiaux, Rocio Lopez, Aizhaneiya McKenzie, Vanessa Mejia, Jennifer Melara, William Mellusi, Immanuel Mohan, Elijah Muller, Austin Nagle Jr., Julia Orlov, Connor Phelan, Emily Procopio, Diego Rivera Chinchilla, Brian Rodriguez, Marley Sepinuck, Zachary Siegel, Sophia Silva, Lavinia Souza, Gionvanni Tobar, Alex Useloff, Taniya White, Parker Yan

GRADE 7

HIGH HONORS: Rachel Buck, Eleanor Burkett, Natalie Burkett, Gabriela Carrasquillo, Jeffrey Chan, Michael Chan, Audra Connolly, Danae Cruz, Patricia Custode, Lohanny Da Silva, Sean Doran, Luana Duarte, Hannah Greenberg, Darya Herscovici, Polina Kalita, Mika Kawakami, Samantha McCollom, Chantal Medina, Kate O'Callaghan, Emily Osborne, Casey Phalen, Kevin Scranton, Stephanie Sheldon, Gerald Simoes-Quaresma, Emily Stacey, Yeni Tejada, Devon Tice, Colin Tonkiss, John Peter Zullo

HONORS: Deborah Abe, Nicholas Aivazian, Trisha Amaral, Nicole Andrea, Ana Luisa Asmar, Jacob Binnall, Natalia Brache, Kadeesha Brown, Donald Cadman, Isabel Carrasquillo, Brett Chin, Dylan Convery, Amy Crossland, Leah Di Bona, Erin Dowdy, Christian Fonseca, Caterina Galvani, Michael Goldberg, Pedro Gomes, Kayla Hall, Katherine Hauck, Kevin Hernandez, Jason Jaundoo, Kennedy Kasapo, Cameron Klein, Brianna Manning, JeBron Martinez, Connor McLaughlin, Kyle Mello, Marco Antonio Mendes Filho, Zachary Modica, Matthew Montecalvo, Maria Isabel Morel, Jessica Morgan, Bryce Nardizzi, Tin Nguyen, John Nicholl, Kathryn Nunes, Charles Pasewark, Kurndeep Saini, Holly Scacca, Nicky Sepulveda, William Steinberg, Brian Taylor

GRADE 8

HIGH HONORS: Madeline Biron, Stephanie Bitoli, Lauren Brache, Justin Brockway, Emily Davio, Varine Edouard, Victoria Greenberg, Andrew Harrod, Eric Jacobson, Joao Marcos Peixoto, Lucas Quesnel, Emily Rich, Hayley Santaflorentina, Genna Schindel, Miranda Snow, Elena Sostilio, Anna Stearns, Rachel Wagner

HONORS: Clara Alves, Brittany Andrea, Roberto Anes, Mayza Barroso, James Chin, Renato Costa, Jessica De Oliveira, Nekisha Diaz, Jessica Dowdy, Nathan Duda, Kristy Dudley, Jesus Garcia, Alicia Garland, Andre Gustavo Gonzaga, Laura Green, Kelly Landaverde, Ruben Leon, Steven Liu, Drew McKinnon, Michael Mroz, Bryant Nardizzi, Rinat Natanel, Somtobechukwu Ojoko, Dhruviben Patel, Priyanka Patel, Francelly Peralta, Reynaldo Pineda, Gabriel Puchulu, Peter Robinson, Kelian Roche, Jaeda Rose, Rachel Sanderson, Allyson Shapiro, Erika Silva, Agassy Soares, Christopher Stoumaras, Nicholas Turner, Morgan Viall, Mitchell Vonachen

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The following MetroWest student made the honor rolls for the school year at The Rivers School in Weston.

WESTBOROUGH: Junior Jeremiah Campanelli

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The following MetroWest students made the honor rolls for fourth quarter at St. Sebastian's School in Needham.

ACTON: Christopher F. Warner, Grade 12, Honors with Distinction; Andrew F. Warner, Grade 9, Honors

FRAMINGHAM: Sorin T. Marinescu, Grade 10, Honors with Distinction

HOPKINTON: Alexander C. Pappas, Grade 9, Honors

NATICK: Michael R. Adams, Grade 10, High Honors; William R. Adams, Grade 12, Honors; Jack R. Adams, Grade 8, Honors with Distinction; Desmond J. Bergin, Grade 12, Honors with Distinction; Thomas M. Kelley Jr., Grade 10, Honors with Distinction; Ryan W. Lee, Grade 8, Honors; Matthew T. Rocco, Grade 8, Honors with Distinction

SOUTHBOROUGH: Richard T. Arms, Grade 9, Honors

SUDBURY: David E. Korzeniowski, Grade 7, High Honors; Cameron M. Quirk, Grade 8, Honors

Side stepping the 'summer slide'

How to keep kids reading once the school year ends

By **Alexandra Morrill**
DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Ahh, summer. Trips to the beach, nights catching fireflies, barbecues and ice cream cones and ... the "summer slide."

This catchy phrase describes the inevitable back slide in academic achievement students experience each summer, a regression that the National Summer Learning Association has conservatively estimated to be equivalent to about two months of what they learned during the previous school year.

Fortunately, one of our best defenses to defeating the slide is to keep our children reading throughout the summer. Here are four suggestions to combat the "summer slide" and to keep your child reading during the summer.

Read for fun

Children spend nine months of the year focused on the technical aspects of reading. Summer is the perfect time to highlight the enjoyable side of reading. Allow your child to read multiple stories simultaneously, revisit a favorite over and over again, or devour an easier book purely for the enjoyment of the story.

Stay up late reading under the stars, in a tent or under the sheets with a flashlight. Spend the whole of a rainy day curled up with a good book, and be OK with relegating reading to bedtime during a spectacular day.

Allow your child's interests to inform book choices – whether it's ancient Egypt, princesses or earthworms.

Embrace all forms of reading

While board books, picture books and chapter books are fantastic and should be promoted at any opportunity, embrace reading in all of its forms. Books on tape are perfect for road trips,

and magazines and comics are quick, enjoyable and highly motivating reads. Pour through cookbooks with your children – "The Barefoot Contessa" and Roald Dahl's "Revolting Recipes" are equally good choices.

Summer is also the perfect time to harness the motivating power of movies. With a schedule full of blockbusters based on children's books –

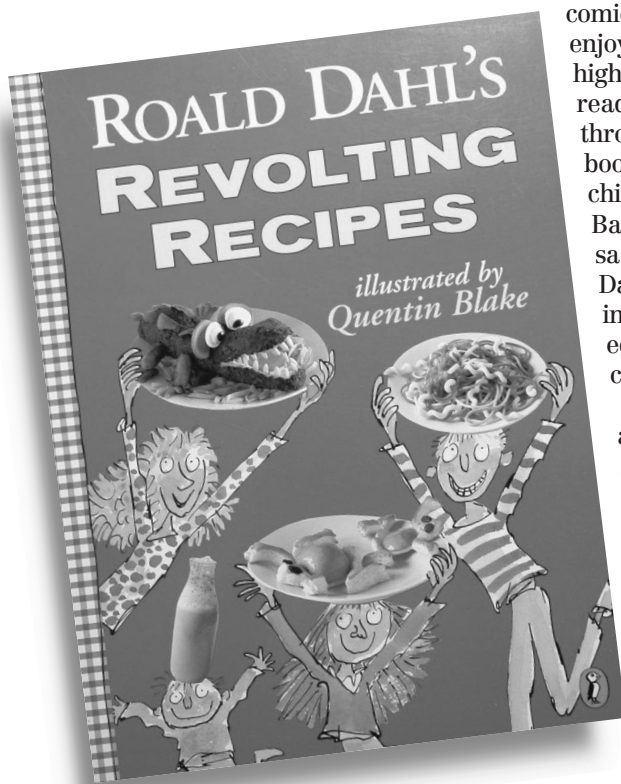
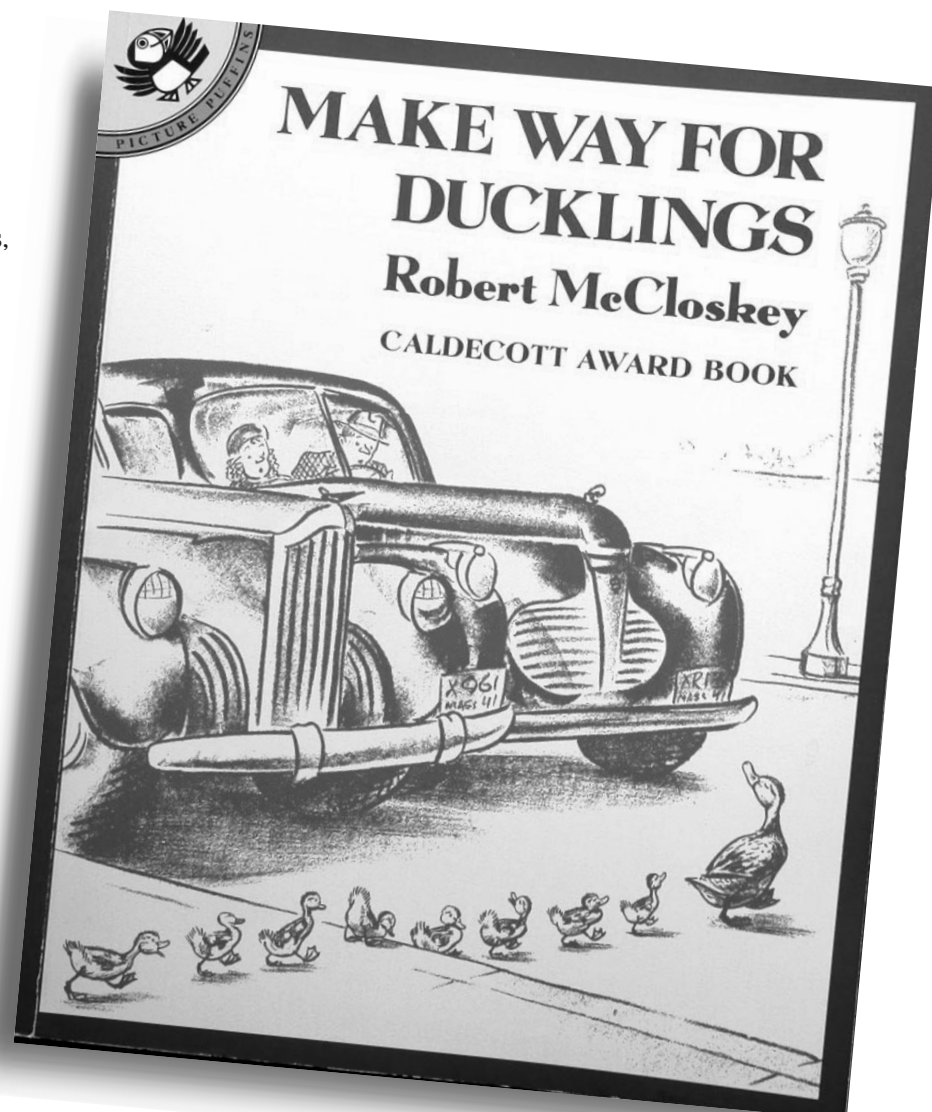
"Judy Moody," "Mr. Popper's Pen-

guins," "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II" and "Winnie the Pooh" – parents have ample opportunity to encourage the reading of a great book with a rewarding trip to see it on the big screen. Even the TV with close captioning on and the volume off is a way to promote reading.

Tap your resources

Take advantage of the programs offered at your local libraries and bookstores. Many of the public libraries in Massachusetts, and in fact throughout the United States, are participating in the "One World, Many Stories" summer reading program. Libraries offer read-alouds, performances and activities, as well as prizes for registered participants who keep a reading journal and meet their

reading goals (the Boston Bruins are a sponsor). The Sherborn Public Library is offering a puppet show, Harry Potter Trivia contest, a multi-cultural celebration, bead and bottle cap jewelry making workshop and a mad science workshop. Other area libraries participating in this program are Ashland, Bellingham, Framingham, Franklin, Hopkinton, Marlborough, Milford, Northborough, Southborough, Sudbury, Uxbridge and Westborough. Find more infor-



mation at readsinna.org.

Barnes and Nobles offers a summer reading program where participants who read eight books and log them in a reading journal (download from their site) earn a free book.

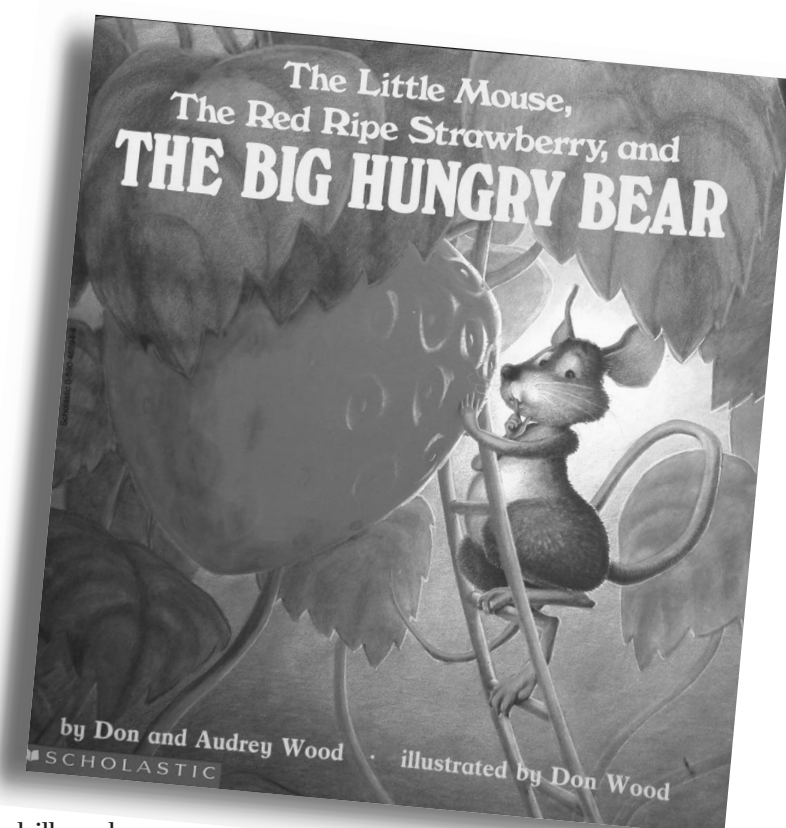
Even the act of browsing the shelves is an activity; and the air conditioning alone should provide plenty of incentive to pepper your child's summer vacation with regular trips to the library and bookstore.

Think thematically

Weave books into the fabric of your daily life. Read "Mouse Paint" and follow up with an afternoon of finger painting and color exploration. Are you going strawberry picking? Enjoy a rousing rendition of "Jamberry" or "The Big Hungry Bear" while enjoying the fruits of your labor. Explore the Public Gardens in Boston with a copy of "Make Way for Ducklings," picking out familiar landmarks from Robert McCloskey's delightful illustrations. And while you are there, visit Granary Cemetery, the final resting place of Mother Goose.

Read "Diary of a Worm" and go on a post-rain search for earthworms or "Compost Stew" and start a compost pile with your children. Going on a trip? Prepare by reading books that take place in that area, or focus on the landmarks or sites. And, don't forget to select some books on tape for the trip.

Children (and parents) work too hard during the school year to allow 22 percent of it to dissipate during the summer. Instead of



drills and flash cards, come up with creative ways to make reading a part of your daily activities to encourage kids to participate and even learn to like reading. In September, your child will return to school tanned, refreshed and exactly where they were the previous year – if not ahead!

Alexandra Morrill is a former reading specialist made entrepreneur who turned her expertise into a second career as the owner of Laughing Giraffe Books. Laughing Giraffe Books provides quality children's literature in the form of themed book bundles or book-of-the-month gift collections to encourage a love of reading. To read more of Morrill's tips and thoughts for motivating young readers, visit www.LaughingGiraffeBooks.com/blog.

