ST. MARK’S SCHOOL OF TEXAS
FIFTH GRADE
2006 SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

We hope reading will be an enjoyable part of your summer. Before returning to school in the fall, we want you to read Christopher Paul Curtis’s book, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963*. In addition to this required novel, you should read at least three other books written by authors on the attached list. If you choose to read more, please feel free to pick additional books from the list of authors, or you may choose any other titles in which you are personally interested. On the attached chart, be sure to list any additional books read, along with the titles of the four required books.

We hope you will make an adventure out of selecting your books. Go to a library or bookstore and browse before selecting the books you will read.

Along with the reading requirements, you are to do the following:

a. Create a colorful poster (**no larger** than 20” x 12”) that depicts one of your favorite scenes from Christopher Paul Curtis’s book, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963*. Be sure to include the book title, the author’s name, and your name.

b. In two paragraphs, discuss what you liked most about one of the other books you read from the list of authors. **Respond** to a favorite scene(s) from the book, but **do not write a summary**. Show some of your own reactions to an event or a character and use examples to support your statements. Be sure to include the name of the book and the author in the first paragraph.

Bring this packet, your poster, and your copy of *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* to school with you on Tuesday, August 29, which will be the first day of classes.
Authors

Lloyd Alexander  
William H. Armstrong  
Issac Asimov  
T. A. Barron  
Frank L. Baum  
Bruce Brooks  
Sheila Burnford  
Elizabeth Coatsworth  
Eion Colfer  
Susan Cooper  
Bruce Coville  
Christopher Paul Curtis  
Roald Dahl  
Kate DiCamillo  
Edward Eager  
Paul Fleischman  
Sid Fleischman  
Russell Freedman  
Cornelia Funke  
Jean Craighead George  
Erik Christian Haugaard  
Virginia Hamilton  
Carl Hiaasen  
Will Hobbs  
Michael Hoeye  
Brian Jacques  
Jim Kjelgaard  
E. L. Konigsburg  
Kathleen Krull  
Ursula LeGuin  
Madeline L’Engle  
C. S. Lewis  
Hugh Lofting  
George MacDonald  
Michael Morpurgo  
Walter Dean Myers  
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Scott O’Dell  
Katherine Paterson  
Christopher Paolini  
Gary Paulsen  
Richard Peck  
Robert N. Peck  
J. K. Rowling  
Jerry Spinelli  
Elizabeth George Speare  
Lemony Snicket  
J.R.R. Tolkien  
Bill Wallace  
Laurence Yep
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Attach a sheet of paper for any additional reading