

Franklin Middle School 2008 Enrichment Reading Program

Dear Parents/Guardians of Current and New Franklin Middle School Students,

Franklin Middle School will again conduct its **ENRICHMENT READING PROGRAM** in order to promote excellence in reading and writing. This year's program requires that each student read one novel, chosen from **MARYLAND's BLACK-EYED SUSAN LIST** (on the back of this paper).

After having read the novel, the student should complete the "**Summary**" **BCR** (Brief Constructed Response). Then, the student should choose and respond to **TWO** of the remaining four **BCRs** for the same novel. The student responses must be completed **NEATLY, in ink or typed**. Additional copies of the BCRs will be available in Franklin Middle School's Main Office.

When the students report to their English/Language!/Language Arts classes during the first week of school (August 25-29), they will be urged to submit their three BCRs, **signed by a parent or guardian**; however, the teachers of English/Language!/Language Arts will continue to accept this work until

Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

The students' responses will then be assessed and counted as a major composition grade for the first quarter of the 2008-2009 school year.

If your child would like to read more books over the summer, visit Baltimore County's *Strive for 25* website: <http://www.bcps.org/offices/lis/models/tips/readingpage/strive25/index.html> Here, you'll find extensive lists (elementary, middle, and high school) of the most popular books read by students, as compiled by K-12 library media specialists in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Reading and writing are year-long and life-long activities which offer students opportunities to enjoy the literary experience, as well as to expand their education and understanding of the world. We appreciate your support of our Enrichment Reading Program and thank you for accepting this challenge.

Sincerely,

The Administration and Faculty of Franklin Middle School

