

**Summer Reading Assignment
Students entering 8th Grade**

101 Famous Poems, ed. by R. J. Cook

Read all of the poems in this volume. Select twenty poems that you especially enjoyed reading or found interesting. List the title and the author and then write a brief summary of the poem. In your summary mention why you enjoyed this poem or found it interesting.

Example:

The Naming of Cats, by T. S. Elliot

This poem expresses the author's belief that cats have particular names that are known only to themselves and one another. I enjoyed reading the poem because it gives insight into the nature of cats in an amusing way and expresses in a clever fashion the idea that cats are peculiar animals with distinct personalities.

A copy of *101 Famous Poems* may be obtained from the school office.