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Dear Parents of 6th – 10th graders,

Did you know that roughly 6 million secondary students read far below grade level and approximately 3,000 of them drop out of high schools every day? Only half of students who take the ACT test are ready for college level reading demands. We do not want this for our students.

Your help is needed and appreciated in making reading a part of your child's summer. Students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are receiving summer reading guidelines. You are asked to support the importance of reading over the summer and assist your child in selecting materials to read.

Please be aware of the following guidelines:

- 1) Sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth graders should read at least two novels resulting in two test grades for the first nine weeks. One book title has been chosen for the students of each grade level, and one book is the student's choice. (See attached list.)**
- 2) It is the student's responsibility to read books they have not previously read. If he/she has previously taken an AR test on a book, that book should not be chosen.**
- 3) Students will be given a test on the required book at the beginning of the school year.**
- 4) An alternate form of assessment will be used to evaluate the student's knowledge of the book he/she chose from the recommended reading list.**

We thank you for supporting our summer reading program. We anticipate that reading throughout the summer will broaden students' knowledge, sharpen their skills, and allow them to experience the pleasure of getting lost in a good book.

Sincerely,

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