



June

Dear Incoming Seventh Grade Students (and Parents),

Summer is a great time to read! At the end of each academic year we send home a comprehensive Suggested Reading List for you to use during the summer months. We believe that reading over the summer months is an important way to practice and maintain skills taught during the school year and is an essential element of our students' education. Reading during the summer is an important factor in promoting reading as a lifelong endeavor.

The 7th humanities curriculum will focus greatly on conflict and resolution between characters and ideas in literature. In order to prepare for the discussions and learning activities in 7th grade, each student should choose at least 2 books to read over the summer. You can choose books based on your conferences with your teacher throughout the year and from the Summer Reading list, which includes brief summaries of each title, so that you can find books that interest you and ones that offer you a chance to challenge yourself.

Here are some questions to consider while reading. Feel free to jot down any thoughts and observations you come across.

What problems or disagreements do characters in the book face?
What steps do the characters take in order to resolve the conflict?
What opposing ideas come up as you read the book?

We hope you enjoy a restful summer that includes relaxing and reading.

Sincerely,

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