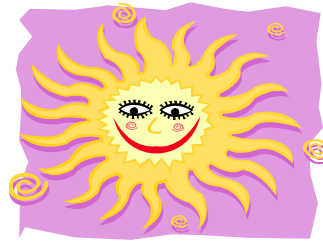


Summer Reading

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Dear NMS Students and Parents,

Over the summer, students are required to read at least one fictional book that is challenging, yet interesting. This book should be one you haven't read before and should not have a movie that is based on it. Students must finish the book before returning to school in September. Included with this letter is a packet with writing guidelines, so students can take notes about the book.

All students are required to take notes and bring them to school on the first day. These notes will help students obtain and remember the necessary information about the book. Written notes will be a component of the final grade of the book report.

At the start of the school year, all students will write a book report with guidance from their ELA teacher. Reports are *not* to be written over the summer.

There will be no reading list sent home with you this year. You may choose a fictional book that is appropriate for your interest and reading level. To help select a book, you may refer to:

- The Middleboro Public Library for a suggested reading list
- The American Library Association website, www.ala.org
- The Middleboro Public School website, www.middleboro.k12.ma.us

All pages of the packet will be available on the Nichols Middle School Website. Extra packets will be at the middle school and Middleboro Public Library. Be sure to select the appropriate grade level assignment.

Included in this packet is a contract that must be signed by both students and parents. This must be returned by June 9th.

Below is a list of books you may NOT read, since you will read them during the next school year. Products based on these books will not be accepted.

Entering Grade 6:

Touching Spirit Bear, Ben Mikaelson
Trapped in Death Cave, Bill Wallace
Woodsong, Gary Paulsen
Tiger Rising, Kate DiCamillo

Entering Grade 7

The Outsiders, S. E. Hinton
The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin

Entering Grade 8

The Giver, Lois Lowry
A Night to Remember, Walter Lord
Witch of Blackbird Pond, Elizabeth George Speare
Nothing But the Truth, Avi

Have a wonderful summer!

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