Middletown Township Public School
Summer Reading Program for Students
Entering 6th through 8th Grade
Summer 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Research tells us that students need to read during the summer to *maintain* their independent reading levels. In the fall, the impact of a student not having read during the summer months, combined with the fact that many of his or her new classmates *did* read during the summer, may result in a reading ability gap that could potentially widen each year, making it difficult for students to keep up with grade-level reading expectations.

● **Students are required to read a minimum of 2 books and book suggestions are offered. However, with *parent approval* and *signed consent,* students may choose to read books that are not on the lists. The consent form below must be presented to your child's teacher on the first day of school.**

● Students will be asked to share one of the books they read and will be provided with a menu of options, including both digital and nondigital formats so they may select the format of their choice. During the first week of school, classroom teachers will work with their students to select the book to be presented.

We encourage parents and guardians of students entering 6th- 8th grade to be actively involved in the book selection process. The Middletown Township Public Library offers digital library cards for all students. Parents and students may also want to consider trading, swapping, or borrowing books from friends or relatives.

Help your child to see the summer as a time when they can dive into books that feed their imagination and special interests.

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

The Middletown School District Summer Reading Committee

I/We understand that students have a variety of interests and strengths when it comes to reading, therefore, I/we support student choice. By signing below, I/we grant permission for my/our child to read the selected book(s).

Student's Name: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____Date: _____