



Middletown Township Public School

Summer Reading Program

For Students Entering 9th through 12th Grade

Summer 2018



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to continue with the district summer reading expectations for students entering grades nine through twelve which was introduced three years ago. The list of recommended reading selections accounts for a broad range of student choices that are representative of multiple genres and cover topics of current interest to high school students. Additionally, the related summer reading assignments were restructured. Students will be expected to present a “digital book talk” to a group of their peers some time during the first several weeks of the school year. Upon their return, all students will complete an in-class timed writing assignment based on the book that they did not select for their digital book talk. While all students must read at least two books, we are hopeful that the expanded lists will encourage students to read more and look forward to the *luxury of time* that summer will provide and allow them to experience the joy of reading books they will love.

Current research on summer reading largely exposes the extent to which a several month gap in literacy activities can hinder reading growth. Our efforts in this revision process were focused upon seeking out titles and activities that are motivating to current high school students and offer them a greater incentive to pick up a few good books to help pass the summer months. The intention of the summer reading expectation is to foster continued application of the valuable reading strategies and skills that students have learned during the school year. We invite students to fall in love with marvelous characters, open the door to new worlds, and embark on wild adventures.

We encourage parents and guardians of students entering 9th through 12th grade to be actively involved in the book selection process to approve the genre, topic and age-level appropriateness of selected books. Please take some time to review the grade level recommendations together with your child in an effort to support reading choices that best meet his/her interests and reading ability. Common Sense Media (commonsensemedia.org) is an excellent resource to review your child’s selections. Books can be borrowed from Middletown Township Public Library or shared with a friend. Students can also purchase new or used books from Barnes & Noble, or online bookstores like amazon.com and alibris.com.

Students are required to read 2 books from the appropriate list with parent approval and signed consent. The consent form below must be presented to the teacher on the first day of school.

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

Student Name: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

