



**Middletown Township Public School
Summer Reading Program
For Students Entering 6th through 8th Grade
Summer 2017**



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 2 books from the appropriate list. However, with parent approval and signed consent, students may choose to read books that are not on the list. The consent form below must be presented to the 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. All middle schools will host book fairs that will offer many selections from the revised lists. In addition to purchasing books at book fairs or from Barnes & Noble, we also encourage students to borrow books from the Middletown Township Public Library. 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

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: _____