



Middletown Township Public School
Summer Reading Program
For Students Entering 6th through 8th Grade
Summer 2016

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.**
- Students may keep a reading log, listing the title and the author of each book they read. A copy of a grade appropriate reading log is provided and may be downloaded from our website.
- Students will present a *book talk* for their class. Classroom teachers will work with their students to schedule these book talks sometime during the first few weeks of school. A detailed description of a book talk is available in the *Summer Reading* section of our website at www.middletownk12.org.

We encourage parents and guardians of students entering 6th-8th grade to be actively involved in the book selection process by reviewing and approving the books that students select. Some schools may hold book fairs that will offer many selections from our 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. Once again we have included grade level *Summer Literacy Calendars* for July and August with suggested activities for you and your family to enjoy. (These activities are *optional* - they are provided as a resource for your consideration.)

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

The Middletown School District Summer Reading Committee