**HP Middle School: Summer Reading 2018**

Dear Middle School Readers (and Parents),

Happy Summer Vacation! I know that you’re anxious for some down time from the routine of school. (Teachers feel the same way.) Summer allots us time to be learners in other ways – from the summer camps you might attend to the new places you might explore. And yes. Summer also allots us time to chart a reading life outside of school…The most important reading life that you can have. You can author your own reading life: Choose *books. Set your own pace. Read deep into the night without the dreaded alarm going off. Form a book club.* Best of all, books (and Nooks/Kindles) can travel whether you are stuck in the vehicle with your sibling on a “family road trip” or under your favorite leafy tree.

**I INVITE you to be summer readers.** Invest in a library card. Swap with a friend. Spend way TOO much money at Barnes & Noble like Mrs. Richard. But start planning your summer reading list. Attached you will find a list of books and authors popular among middle schoolers. Please use this list as a resource **but also note that some titles and authors may be suited for upper middle school readers due to the text complexity and thematic elements.**

If you are interested in participating in the HP Middle’s summer reading program, please return the attached form to your ELA teacher in September. Extra forms will be available on the school’s website or through your ELA teacher next school year. Wishing you a summer filled with adventure- both in the pages of your life and in the pages of a book.

Yours in Reading,

Mrs. Richard Grade 6 ELA Teacher/Summer Reading Coordinator

***Looking For A Summer Read?***

**Favorite Series:** Starting (or finishing) a series over the summer is a perfect choice because you have the luxury of time. I especially like series that are finished.

* The Gallagher Girls Series, The Heist Society Series, & Embassy Row Series- Ally Carter
* Warrior Series- Erin Hunter
* Hunger Games Trilogy- Suzanne Collins
* Matched Trilogy- Ally Condie
* The Maze Runner Series & Eyes of Mind Series- James Dashner
* Found Series -Margaret Petersen Haddix
* Alex Rider Series- Anthony Horowitz
* Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series- Jeff Kinney
* Legend Trilogy & The Young Elites- Marie Lu
* Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life- James Patterson
* Percy Jackson Series, Heroes of Olympus, and The Kane Chronicles & Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard- Rick Riordan
* Divergent Series; Carve the Mark-Veronica Roth
* All Four Stars & The Stars of Summer- Tara Dairman
* An Ember in the Ashes & A Torch Against the Night- Sabaa Tahir
* I Survived…-Lauren Tashires

**Favorite Authors:** There are many who authors who have written widely and sometimes across multiple genres. Stretch yourself and discover a new author.

* Gary Paulsen- realistic, historical memoir John Feinstein: mystery
* Andrew Clements- realistic fiction Tim Green-sports fiction
* Roland Smith- realistic, historical fiction Mike Lupica- sports fiction
* Ingrid Law- fantasy Jane Yolen – poetry
* Gordan Korman - realistic fiction, fantasy Naomi Shihab-Nye-poetry
* Lois Lowry- historical, science fiction, memoir Carl Hiaasen-realistic fiction
* Lauren Oliver-science fiction, fantasy J.K. Rowlings-fantasy
* Alan Gratz-historical fiction; realistic fiction Jennifer Nielsen-fantasy/HF

 **Books that Inspire and Teach:** Read about characters and real people that inspire you to be better

* Running for My Life: One Lost Boy’s Journey from the Killing Fields of Sudan to the Olympic Games – Lopez Lomond with Mark Tabb
* Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans & Their Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics - Daniel James Brown
* I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Was Shot By the Taliban- Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb
* Wonder - RJ Palacio
* Unbroken - Laura Hillenbrand
* All The Light We Cannot See - Anthony Doerr
* No Summit out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits by Jordan Romero
* The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard with Ali Benjamin
* All Heart: My Dedication & Determination To Become One of Soccer’s Best- Carli Lloyd with Wayne Coffey
* Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina-Michaela DePrince with Elaine DePrince

**Summer Reading Form**

1) The goal is for each student to read **4 books** over the summer

2) Books in all formats will be accepted: printed/digital

3) Complete the form with your parent’s signature. Return to your ELA teacher in September.

*I participated in the 2018 Holland Patent Middle School Summer Reading Program.*

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