

Middle School

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Dear Student(s) and Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

As part of the NH Grade Level Expectations, students are required to:

R-14.1: Demonstrate the habit of reading widely and extensively by reading with frequency, including in-school, out-of-school, and **summer reading**.

R-17.1: Demonstrate participation in a literate community by self-selecting reading materials aligned with reading ability and personal interests.

In order to fulfill these requirements, we are assigning students a reading assignment to be completed during the summer.

1.) Students will need to read a novel or non-fiction book:

- It must be from the Accelerated Reader (AR) list.
- Most grade-appropriate novels are Accelerated Reader books. If you have a book in mind, you may check to see if it is on the Accelerated Reader list at the AR Book Finder website:

<http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx>

2.) Students will need to complete the following assignment:

- On the front of a 5 X 8 index card, write your name, the book title, and the author. Also include an illustration that represents the story.
- On the reverse side, show your understanding of the book by completing one of the following activities:
 - Write a plot summary
 - Write a short letter to a friend, summarizing the book
 - Write out your favorite quote from the book and describe its importance.
 - Choose your favorite character from the book and describe that character.

Although only one card is required, students may complete a card for each book that they read during the summer. When school starts, the cards will be collected and entered into a raffle for prizes. The more cards that are completed, the better the student's chances for a prize!

3.) When school starts in the fall, students will be required to take the Accelerated Reader quiz for one or all of the novels read:

- This quiz consists of 10 or 20 multiple-choice questions.
- Only one quiz will count as a quiz grade. The rest of the quizzes will count toward their AR points for the school year. Students will also receive another chance in the raffle for passing their AR quiz!

In addition to the above requirements, we are attaching two incentive programs being offered in the community this summer. These programs are optional. Students may participate if they are interested.

Optional Community Programs:

- TD Bank will deposit \$10.00 into a new or existing account for students who read 10 or more books during the summer. You can find information at:
<http://www.tdbank.com/summerreading/index.html>
- Borders in Concord will give a free book to students who have read 10 books during the summer. We have attached a copy of the required form, and you can get more information at www.borders.com.

If you have any questions, or need assistance obtaining a book, please stop by the WRMS main office this summer.

Sincerely,

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