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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

As part of our ongoing initiative to inspire a lifelong love of reading, imagination, exploration, and creativity in our students, we are excited to present the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District's new middle school summer reading program. In an effort to ensure that no ground is lost over the summer in developmental reading skills, students will be able to choose their own books from a wide range of **grade appropriate** fiction and nonfiction selections. To get students started, a list of recommended authors has been provided, as well as the website for Newbury Award winners: <http://www.ala.org>. Please note that these are suggestions, not requirements, as our primary goal is to maintain reading momentum during the summer months by embracing flexibility.

Students will be required to read a minimum of one book and keep a **Reading Log**, which they should bring back to school to share with their English teacher. In addition, all students are required to read a short story and complete a set of comprehension questions. The short story packets will be sent home with students, as well as posted on the website. Both the summer reading log and the short story questions will be due on **September 5, 2017**. If both assignments are submitted **on time**, students will be eligible to participate in a raffle.

The following short stories have been selected for each grade level:

- Grade 6 – “The First Day,” by Edward P. Jones
- Grade 7 – “Seventh Grade,” by Gary Soto
- Grade 8 – excerpt from *Bad Boy*, by Walter Dean Myers

We firmly believe that reading creates the foundational skills that bring success not only in English class, but across all disciplines, as reading helps increase vocabulary, as well as improve comprehension, grammar, and writing skills. Furthermore, it sets them on the track to being well-prepared college and career-ready students. Ultimately, through our emphasis on choice, we hope that students will explore new authors and/or genres, as well as find value and enjoyment in reading.

Have a wonderful summer. Happy reading!

Amy Hill
K-12 English Language Arts Director
Whitman-Hanson Regional School District



Please return this reading log to your 2017-2018 English teacher.

Name _____

Middle School Summer Reading Book Log (Minimum of one book...but keep reading!)

Book Title and Author	Date Started	Date Completed	Parent Signature

**If you need more room, please attach an additional sheet of paper.*



MA Framework Suggested Authors

David Almond (fantasy, fiction: realistic)
Laurie Halse Anderson (fiction: historical)
M. T. Anderson (fiction: historical, humor)
Avi (fiction: historical)
Joan Bauer (fiction: realistic)
Jean P. Birdsall (fiction: realistic)
Nancy Bond (fantasy)
Bruce Brooks (fiction: realistic)
Gennifer Choldenko (mysteries)
John Christopher (science fiction)
James and Christopher Collier (fiction: historical)
Suzanne Collins (fantasy, science fiction)
Susan Cooper (fantasy)
Eoin Colfer (fantasy, science fiction)
Leslie Connor (fiction: realistic)
Frank Boyce Cottrell (fiction: humor)
Bruce Coville (fantasy)
Sharon Creech (fiction: realistic)
Christopher Paul Curtis (fiction: historical)
Karen Cushman (fiction: historical)
Cynthia DeFelice (fiction: historical, mysteries)
Frances O’Roark Dowell (fiction: realistic)
Jeanne DuPrau (science fiction)
Marguerite Engle (fiction: historical, poetry)
Louise Erdrich (fiction: historical)
Nancy Farmer (fantasy)
Louise Fitzhugh (fiction: realistic)
Paul Fleischman (poetry, fiction: realistic)
Neil Gaiman (fantasy)
Jack Gantos (fiction: humor)
Bette Greene (fiction: historical)
Rosa Guy (fiction: realistic)
Mary Downing Hahn (ghost stories, fiction: historical)
Shannon Hale (fantasy, fiction: historical)
Karen Hesse (fiction: historical)
Carl Hiassen (fiction: humor, mysteries)
S. E. Hinton (fiction: realistic)
Will Hobbs (fiction: realistic)
Irene Hunt (fiction: historical)
Eva Ibbotson (fantasy)
Paul Janeczko (poetry)
Angela Johnson (fiction: realistic)
Diana Wynne Jones (fantasy)
Norton Juster (fantasy)
Ellen Klages (fiction: historical)
Ron Koertge (fiction: humor, poetry)
E.L. Konigsburg (fiction: realistic)
Iain Lawrence (fiction: historical)
Madeleine L’Engle (fantasy, fiction: realistic)
Ursula LeGuin (fantasy)
Gail Carson Levine (fiction: realistic, fantasy)
Robert Lipsyte (fiction: realistic)
Lois Lowry (fiction: realistic, science fiction)
Mike Lupica (mysteries, fiction: sports)
Hilary McKay (fiction: humor)
Margaret Mahy (fantasy, fiction: realistic)
Walter Dean Myers (fiction: historical, realistic)
Donna Jo Napoli (fiction: historical, fantasy)
Kenneth Oppel (fantasy, adventure)
Linda Sue Park (fiction: historical, realistic)
Katherine Paterson (fiction: historical, realistic)
Sue Patron (fiction: realistic)
Gary Paulsen (fiction: humor, historical, realistic)
Richard Peck (fiction: historical, realistic)
Mitali Perkins (fiction: realistic)
Daniel Pinkwater (fiction: humor)
Terry Pratchett (fantasy)
Philip Pullman (fantasy)
Philip Reeve (fantasy)
Rick Riordan (fantasy)
J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
Pam Munoz Ryan (fiction: historical, realistic)
Cynthia Rylant (poetry, fiction: realistic)
Louis Sachar (fiction: realistic)
William Sleator (ghost stories, science fiction)
Gary Soto (fiction: realistic, poetry)
Suzanne Fisher Staples (fiction: historical, realistic)
Rebecca Stead (science fiction)
Jonathan Stroud (fantasy)
Theodore Taylor (fiction: historical)
Kate Thompson (fantasy)
Megan Whalen Turner (fantasy)
Cynthia Voigt (fiction: realistic, fantasy)
Rita Williams-Garcia (fiction: historical, realistic)
Jacqueline Wilson (fiction: realistic)
Jacqueline Woodson (fiction: realistic)
Tim Wynne-Jones (fiction: realistic)
Laurence Yep (fiction: historical, fantasy)