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Dear Students and Families,

A major goal of the Dover-Sherborn Middle School English program is to encourage pleasurable and thoughtful reading of a variety of selections by outstanding writers. Summer months are an excellent time to dive into a good book and explore something that interests you.

**This year, we ask that all middle school students complete the following summer reading assignment:**

- Read at least TWO books that are NEW to YOU. (Find something that you haven't read before.)
- Have at least one of the books with you at the start of the school year. (The book will be used for discussion and writing in your English class.)

While we will not place specific expectations about the kinds of books that you read this summer, we hope that you will use the time to seek out new titles, authors, genres and formats.

We encourage you to read as many books as possible over the next few months. Keep track and share with us next fall. We are excited to learn from you, too!

Students may email their teachers for ideas and review the book suggestions in this letter. Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Happy reading,

Dover-Sherborn Middle School English Teachers

If you are looking for book ideas, please check out these recommendations from the Dover-Sherborn Middle School English teachers:

<b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. FIORE Grade 6</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Wolf Hollow</i> by Lauren Wolk</li> <li>2. <i>The Great Gilly Hopkins</i> by Katherine Paterson</li> <li>3. <i>The Westing Game</i> by Ellen Raskin</li> <li>4. <i>Just Jaime</i> by Terri Libenson</li> <li>5. <i>The One and Only Ivan</i> by Katherine Applegate</li> </ol>	<b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. DRAPER Grade 6</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Rain, Reign</i> by Ann Martin</li> <li>2. <i>Mockingbird</i> by Kathryn Erskine</li> <li>3. <i>Wonder</i> by R.J. Palacio</li> <li>4. <i>Summerlost</i> by Ally Condie</li> <li>5. <i>The Wild Robot</i> by Peter Brown</li> </ol>
<b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. SUKYS Grade 6</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i> by Dusti Bowling</li> <li>2. <i>The Breadwinner</i> by Deborah Ellis</li> <li>3. <i>See you in the Cosmos</i> by Jack Cheng</li> <li>4. <i>Guts</i> by Raina Telgemeier</li> <li>5. <i>One for the Murphys</i> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt</li> </ol>	<b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. SIMON Grade 7</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Sun is Also a Star</i> by Nicola Yoon</li> <li>2. <i>A Mango-Shaped Space</i> by Wendy Mass</li> <li>3. <i>Dear Martin</i> by Nic Stone</li> <li>4. <i>Ghost Boys</i> by Jewell Parker Rhodes</li> <li>5. <i>Two Can Keep a Secret</i> by Karen M. McManus</li> </ol>
<b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. MOY Grade 7</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Cousins</i> by Karen McManus</li> <li>2. <i>Rick</i> by Alex Gino</li> <li>3. <i>Blended</i> by Sharon Draper</li> <li>4. <i>Redwood and Ponytail</i> by K.A. Holt</li> <li>5. <i>Before the Ever After</i> by Jacqueline Woodson</li> <li>6. <i>Warcross</i> by Marie Lu</li> <li>7. <i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i> by Holly Jackson</li> </ol>	<b>TOP FIVE FOR MRS. MCKEE Grades 7&amp;8</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Clap When You Land</i> by Elizabeth Acevedo</li> <li>2. <i>The President Has Been Shot!</i> by James L. Swanson</li> <li>3. <i>Almost American Girl</i> by Robin Ha</li> <li>4. <i>A Pho Love Story</i> by Loan Le</li> <li>5. <i>Black Brother, Black Brother</i> by Jewell Parker Rhodes</li> <li>6. <i>Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Reveal'd</i> by Mary Losure</li> </ol>
<b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. MULLEN-RICHARDS Grade 8</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Belzhar</i>, Meg Wolitzer</li> <li>2. <i>We Were Liars</i>, E. Lockhart</li> <li>3. <i>Persepolis</i>, Marjane Satrapi</li> <li>4. <i>Boy 21</i>, Matthew Quick</li> <li>5. <i>Project Paper Doll: The Rules</i>, Stacey Kade</li> </ol>	<b>TOP FIVE FOR MRS. PUDELKA Grade 8</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds</li> <li>2. <i>Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand</li> <li>3. <i>Scythe</i> by Neal Shusterman</li> <li>4. <i>Amal Unbound</i> by Aisha Saeed</li> <li>5. <i>Fake ID</i> by Lamar Giles</li> </ol>
<b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. WOODWARD Librarian</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Lifeboat 12</i> by Susan Hood</li> <li>2. <i>Darius the Great is Not Okay</i> by Adib Khorram</li> <li>3. <i>The Plot to Kill Hitler</i> by Patricia McCormick</li> <li>4. <i>Homeless Bird</i> by Gloria Whelan</li> <li>5. <i>The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge</i> by M.T. Anderson</li> </ol>	<b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. CAVANAUGH Grades 6-8</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>My Life in Dog Years</i> by Gary Paulsen</li> <li>2. <i>Dear Martin</i> by Nic Stone</li> <li>3. <i>I Am the Wallpaper</i> by Mark Peter Hughes</li> <li>4. <i>Long Way Down</i> by Jason Reynolds</li> <li>5. <i>Love that Dog</i> by Sharon Creech</li> </ol>