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Dear Students and Families,

A major goal of the 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:

<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. FIORE Grade 6</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> by Mildred D. Taylor</li> <li>2. <i>George</i> by Alex Gino</li> <li>3. <i>See you in the Cosmos</i> by Jack Cheng</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>	<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. DRAPER Grade 6</b></p> <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>
<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. SUKYS Grade 6</b></p> <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>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds</li> <li>5. <i>One for the Murphys</i> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt</li> </ol>	<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. SIMON Grade 7</b></p> <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>
<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. MOY Grade 7</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Tokyo Ever After</i> by Emiko Jean</li> <li>2. <i>Red, White, and Whole</i> by Rajani LaRocca</li> <li>3. <i>Fighting Words</i> by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley</li> <li>4. <i>Before the Ever After</i> by Jacqueline Woodson</li> <li>5. <i>A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</i> series by Holly Jackson</li> </ol>	<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. MCKEE Grade 8</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>I Must Betray You</i> by Ruta Sepetys</li> <li>2. <i>Gone to the Woods</i> by Gary Paulsen</li> <li>3. <i>Pony</i> by RJ Palacio</li> <li>4. <i>Lifeboat 12</i> by Susan Hood</li> <li>5. <i>Daughter of the Deep</i> by Rick Riordan</li> </ol>
<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. MULLEN-RICHARDS Grade 8</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Belzhar</i> by Meg Wolitzer</li> <li>2. <i>We Were Liars</i> by E. Lockhart</li> <li>3. <i>Persepolis</i> by Marjane Satrapi</li> <li>4. <i>Boy 21</i> by Matthew Quick</li> <li>5. <i>Project Paper Doll: The Rules</i> by Stacey Kade</li> </ol>	<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. PUDELKA Grade 8</b></p> <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>You Go First</i> by Erin Entrada Kelly</li> <li>5. <i>Fake ID</i> by Lamar Giles</li> </ol>
<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. WOODWARD Librarian</b></p> <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>	<p><b>TOP FIVE FOR MS. CAVANAUGH Grades 6-8</b></p> <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>