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Dear Families,

Studies show that children who do not read during summer break regress as much as 2 months of reading performance. If this continues throughout elementary school, by the time these children enter middle school, they may be as much as 2 1/2 years behind. For this reason, it is imperative that you set aside time for your child/children to read daily.

In order to help your child/children to continue to make reading progress, we're providing the attached summer reading list.

Your child/children must do the following:

- Read for at least 30 minutes daily
- Select at least 2 books from the list
- 1 of the books must be the assigned book
- 1 of the books can be a free choice
- Complete the response to literature based on the assigned book

Let's work together to reduce or prevent the summer slide and promote reading growth!

Stronger Together,

Grade 8 Team



Seventh to Eighth Grade Suggested Summer Reading List



- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai (Required)
- Omnivores Dilemma by Michael Pollan
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Students on Strike: Jim Crow, Civil rights, Brown, and Me by John A. Stokes
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
- The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
- Crash by Jerry Spinelli
- Wringer by Jerry Spinelli
- Elijah of Buxton
By [Christopher Paul Curtis](#)
- Delivering Justice: W.W. Law and the Fight for Civil Rights
by James Haskins Illustrator Benny Andrews

