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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We cannot believe summer is once again upon us! Over the past year our Language Arts staff and students have continued their goal of building an independent reading culture within each classroom. Throughout the year, teachers have continued to help students independently select engaging books at their just right level. This year, as we head into summer vacation, we would once again like to extend our reading culture beyond the school year to continue our independent pleasure reading.


Therefore, this year we are asking all students entering grades five through eight to read a least one book of their choosing. While we are not sending home any "must read" books this year, we did survey Har Bur middle school students to get their recommendations of some favorites. We feel strongly that peer recommendations are an important component in building and sustaining our reading program. On the back of this letter, you will see a list of titles under grade level notations- the list represents the titles the middle school students are recommending to their peers. While we do not require a student read from this list, we want to honor what our students already love to read. Additionally, this year we've asked students to promote books they love using green screen technology, so you may notice the QR code at the top of the page- Please scan the code with a QR reader to view a few of our student recommendations.

We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing summer vacation, and have the opportunity to curl up with a good book! If you have any questions regarding the changes in our summer reading program, please contact: Jillian Yantz, Language Arts Coordinator at the following email address: yantzj@region10ct.org.

Sincerely,



Kenneth M. Smith, Principal



Jillian Yantz, Language Arts Coordinator



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Grades 5 & 6	Grades 7 & 8
<p> <i>Treasure Hunter Series, Patterson</i> <i>Wings of Fire Series, Sutherland</i> <i>Baseball Genius, Green</i> <i>The False Prince, Nielsen</i> <i>The Runaway King, Nielsen</i> <i>The Shadow Throne, Nielsen</i> <i>The Playbook, Alexander</i> <i>Wonder, Palacio (QR video)</i> <i>Spaced Out, Gibbs</i> <i>Reboot,</i> <i>Lightning Thief, Riordan</i> <i>Heat, Lupica</i> <i>Travel Team, Lupica</i> <i>Out of My Mind, Draper</i> <i>Max, Shotz</i> <i>The Music of Dolphins, Hesse (QR Video)</i> <i>Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend, Dicks</i> <i>Lara's Gift, O'Brien</i> <i>A Little Princess, Burnett</i> <i>Dave at Night, Levine</i> <i>Space Case Series, Gibbs</i> <i>Double Identity, Haddix</i> <i>The Unwanted Series, McMann</i> <i>Land of Stories Series, Colfer</i> <i>Magnus Chase, Riordan</i> <i>Percy Jackson, Riordan</i> <i>Wrath of the Storm, Nielson</i> <i>Super, Cody (QR Video)</i> <i>Powerless, Cody</i> <i>Took, Hahn</i> <i>Tale of Despereaux, DiCamillo</i> <i>The Wizz Pop Chocolate Shop, Saunders (QR Video)</i> <i>The Thief of Always, Barker</i> <i>Tuck Everlasting, Babbitt (QR Video)</i> <i>The Giver, Lowry</i> <i>Deep Dark and Dangerous, Hahn (QR video)</i> </p>	<p> <i>Lord of the Rings, Tolkien</i> <i>Edgar & Ellen Series, Ogden</i> <i>Land of Stories, Colfer</i> <i>Insignia Series, Kincaid</i> <i>Red Queen, Aveyard</i> <i>We Are All Made of Molecules, Nielsen</i> <i>Everything Everything, Yoon</i> <i>Canterwood Crest Series, Burkhardt</i> <i>The Ghost of Greylock, Poblocki</i> <i>Throne of Glass, Maas</i> <i>The Lunar Chronicles, Meyer</i> <i>I am Number Four Series, Lore</i> <i>The Fire Within, D'Lacey</i> <i>The Novice Trilogy, Matharu</i> <i>Every Soul a Star, Mass</i> <i>A Court of Thorns and Roses, Maas</i> <i>Caraval, Garber</i> <i>Elsewhere, Zevin</i> <i>Warriors, Hunter (QR video)</i> <i>Survivors, Hunter</i> <i>Wings of Fire, Sutherland</i> <i>The Unwind Series, Shusterman</i> <i>If I Were You, Margolis</i> <i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, Riggs</i> <i>Divergent Series, Roth</i> <i>Wild Girl, Giff</i> <i>Maze Runner Series, Dashner</i> <i>Wildfire Run, Garretson</i> <i>An African in Greenland, Kpomassie and Kirkup</i> </p>