

Pleasantville Middle School Summer Reading Project

Dear Parents of Students Entering Grade 8,

Summertime presents a wonderful opportunity to help your child develop a love of books and reading. Research shows that continued reading practice during the summer is the best thing that students can do to help maintain and improve their reading skills and "hit the ground running" in September. As your child prepares to enter eighth grade, it is important that he/she begin the new school year on a positive note. One way to accomplish this is to complete the required summer reading for students entering eighth grade. Attached you will find a suggested summer reading list of books. Each of the books on the list have been selected based on interest and readability levels and most are available at the Pleasantville Public Library, through the Atlantic County Library System (ask the librarian), or at Borders. They can also be purchased at discounted prices at www.half.com, www.overstock.com, www.amazon.com, and www.cheapestbook.com.

All students entering Grade Eight **are required** to read two books during the summer and complete a project for each book. Included with this letter are several project ideas that students can choose from to demonstrate their understanding of their chosen books. Both projects should be completed by students, signed by a parent, and turned in to your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year. Each will count towards their first marking period grade, therefore, it is important that both projects are completed and returned to school. Your help and support in encouraging your child to read two books and complete two projects this summer will help maintain and enhance the growth he/she has made in both reading and writing this past school year. The staff and I also look forward to welcoming your child back in September and providing him/her with a successful school year.

Thank you in advance and have a healthy and happy summer!

Ms. Brigitte White
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