



Toms River Intermediate Schools **SUMMEREAD**



ATTENTION ALL FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS!

Summer vacation presents the chance for children to strengthen their comprehension skills, expand their vocabulary, and develop new ways of thinking about themselves and the world in which they live. A committee of middle school educators has thoughtfully selected a wide variety of popular and highly regarded young adult titles that are appropriate for diverse reading levels. Once again this summer, our incoming sixth grade students will be **required to complete a summer reading assignment.**

At the end of the school year, students attended an assembly presented by some of their future sixth grade teachers, highlighting many of the books on the list and outlining the expectations for the *Summertime* assignment. Below are some key points from the assembly:

- Students are responsible for obtaining one selected book from the sixth grade list. The book may be borrowed from any branch of the Ocean County Library, purchased at a retail book store or online, or purchased for a Nook or Kindle.
- During the summer, students will complete a written assignment, which they will receive in June. This assignment, along with the book list and additional information, will also be posted on the district homepage in June. It will be due on the first day of school in September, and it will be counted as the first quiz grade of the first marking period.

We recommend that parents and their children work together over the summer to select a suitable book from the sixth grade list. Both the Guided Reading Level (GRL) and the Lexile (L) are noted next to each book title; these are recommendations only. Students may choose any book that they interested in reading from their grade appropriate list.

The main purpose of our summer reading program is to foster a life-long enjoyment of reading and the development of our students' independent reading skills. We are excited about our *Summertime* program and appreciate the anticipated support from home.

Happy Reading!

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