



# Toms River Intermediate Schools

# SUMMEREAD



Dear Parent/Guardian,

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. This summer, our district is once again implementing a mandatory summer reading program. 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. Our incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students will be **required to complete a summer reading assignment**.

We recommend that parents and their children work together over the summer to select a suitable book from the appropriate grade level list. The Lexile level (L) is noted next to each title and author; this is a recommendation only. Students may choose any book from the grade appropriate list to read for the assignment.

- Students are responsible for obtaining one selected book from the grade appropriate sixth, seventh, or eighth 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. **Please refer to the book list of the grade that your child is entering in the fall.**
- During the summer, students will complete a written assignment, which they will receive in June from their current language arts teacher. This assignment, along with the book list and additional information, will also be posted on the district homepage this summer ([www.trschools.com](http://www.trschools.com)). It will be due on the first day of school in September and will count as the first quiz grade of the first marking period.

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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