

High Rock School

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

We are writing to provide you with information regarding summer reading for High Rock School students.

Summer reading is important for middle school students. It helps foster a lifelong love of reading and helps students maintain the gains in reading comprehension skills they have made during the school year. For this reason, we require all rising 6th graders to read a **minimum of two books** from the summer reading list.

The summer reading list is broken down into categories that relate to our school's core values and motto. Students should choose new books to read rather than reread titles they have read in the past. We encourage parents/guardians to take an active role in helping students make good book choices. Please take into consideration each child's reading maturity and interests.

Students do not need to complete any kind of written assignment about their books during the summer months. Instead, we just ask that students be prepared to discuss or write about one of the two books they read during the first few weeks of school. Students should have a copy of one of their summer reading books available to bring to school in September. Additionally, we ask that you **fill out the brief parent/guardian sign-off form** (on the back of this letter), which will be collected by the English Language Arts teachers in September.

Copies of this letter, the sign-off form, and the full reading list in multiple formats will be posted on our school website at: <http://highrocklibrary.weebly.com>. Hard copies will also be available in the main office.

We hope that you enjoy some down time this summer to relax and read more than we typically can during the busy school year. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

English Language Arts Teachers, Grade 6
Beth Ackroyd, Literacy Specialist
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Jean Tower, Director of Media and Digital Learning
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