Martin J. Ryerson Summer Reading

Dear Families:

Over the last year, our middle school students have been fully immersed in Reading Workshop. With this shift in place, we are thrilled to see students reading more than ever. Research tells us that students need to read during the summer months when school is not in session in order to maintain their independent reading ability. Our hope is that the following summer reading expectations will be an authentic and engaging way to launch our Reading Workshop in September:

- **Students are urged to read one book every 1-2 weeks, or more over the summer**, maintaining the same momentum as in the classroom. We highly recommend students working in partnerships or small book clubs to add to the enjoyment of reading.
- Students are expected to arrive on the first day of school ready to discuss their books. This book talk should **include evidence of reading in the form of journal entries** to reflect important thinking. For each journal entry created (**1 per book read**), points will be earned to increase the first marking period grade.
- Each student must present their own unique journal page if reading in a pair or small group.

We appreciate your support in making this work meaningful and productive. We encourage parents and guardians to assist students in selecting books this summer. Here are a list of websites to find great books:

https://www.ringwoodlibrary.org/
https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/middle-school
http://www.yournextread.com/us/
https://openlibrary.org/
https://www.amazon.com/books

Wishing you a healthy and happy summer!

Sincerely,

The Middle School Language Arts Team
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