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Dear Parents/ Guardians of Pittsgrove Twp. Middle School Students,

We are very excited to announce the sixth year of the summer reading program here at Pittsgrove Twp. Middle School. While summer is a time for students to relax and participate in recreational activities with friends, it should also be a time to entertain oneself with a good book.

Summer reading is not only enjoyable for children, but is also a must. Studies have shown that when children read each day, they learn to read faster and they improve their comprehension skills. If children don't read for a month or two, they will lose a great deal of progress they have made during the school year. Children who read during the summer start school ready to continue their progress and will most likely adapt more quickly to the grade level curriculum. Please share newspaper, magazines, books etc. that you read with your children.

Throughout this summer our middle school students will read and enjoy two unread books. One award winning book and one self selected book. Links to a list of award winning books can be found on the PTMS media center webpage. The student will complete 2 **different** projects (see attached)! Part of the reading program involves students writing about what they've read, so they can interact with their reading and apply strategies they will use all year in sustained silent reading and independent reading pursuits.

The completed tasks are due the first week of school. No class time will be allocated in the fall to complete the required assignment. This is entirely a summer assignment. The summer reading program is a course requirement for your students' Language Arts class. It is the students' responsibility to get the books and complete the assignment on time. Students may borrow books from the school library, a public library, a friend, or they may be purchased.

The PTMS and APSHS media centers will be open throughout the months of July and August for students of the district to visit at their convenience. (See the media centers' schedule attached). A student may visit another building's media center for technology use; however, they will only be able to check out books from their designated library.

If you have any further questions please contact Karen Tedor, PTMS, media center specialist @ 856-358-8529 ext.4510 or Diane Fanucci, APSHS, media center specialists @ 865-358-2054 ext. 4116.

Thank you and happy reading!