

# GREAT OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Summer Reading Information

June 22, 2017

Dear Parents:

Summer reading is an important and fundamental experience that not only keeps children learning, but also research has shown that summer reading helps students maintain and avoid loss of language and critical thinking skills. Summer reading not only preserves language skills of the previous school year, but also provides students with the opportunity to share a common experience with fellow classmates.

As part of the language arts program at Great Oak Middle School, your child will be required to read a minimum of two (2) books over the summer – **one fiction** and **one non-fiction**. A list of suggested books and authors from which to make selections is available on GOMS website at <http://goms.oxfordpublicschools.org/> and are part of the suggested reading list set forth by the State of Connecticut, Department of Education in conjunction with the 2017 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Suggested selections may also be found on the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge by clicking on the link below <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2683&q=320322>.

Students must complete one project for each book per the assignments for their grade level.

In addition, students are encouraged to participate in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge. Have your child record the book titles, including author's name, on an index card or piece of paper. This list should be returned to your child's language arts teacher in the fall.

Please assist your child in selecting and locating books as well as sharing in the reading experience. If you are not sure where to start, please take a visit to our public library where librarians can assist you and your child.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Grades 6, 7 and 8 Language Arts Teachers  
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