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Dear Lawrence Middle School Parents,

Lawrence is a school of readers. Our school librarian, Kathy Botelho, and the entire English Department has worked diligently to establish a high interest, age-appropriate reading list. This list contains titles from every genre including classics and books written by award-winning authors suggested for middle school students by the Massachusetts Department of Education English Language Arts Curriculum.

Incoming seventh graders and eighth graders are required to participate in the Summer Reading Program. The purpose of the program is to promote the love of reading and to help students become independent, life-long readers. Research shows that if a student reads ninety minutes per day, he or she will rank in the 90th percentile in standardized testing.

Each English teacher will collect your child's Summer Reading Response during the first week of school in September. The grade for this assignment will be incorporated into the first quarter report card.

The Summer Reading Lists and the Response Form are also available online at the Lawrence School Library site (www.falmouth.k12.ma.us). Local bookstores and public libraries have been provided with copies of the lists as well.

We are looking forward to meeting your children in September and sharing the many book selections with them. Thank you for your continued support of reading and the honor of teaching your child.

Sincerely,

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