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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.

Your child will be assessed on his or her summer reading in class during the first week of school. To help your child be prepared for this assessment, English teachers have developed a note sheet for your child to take notes as he or she reads. Students will be able to use these notes when they complete the in-class assessment.

The Summer Reading Lists and the note sheet 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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