

Wareham Middle School Summer Reading!

Students Learn by Reading 2017

Summer reading affords all students the opportunity to enjoy books in a relaxed and leisurely setting while developing a lifelong love of reading. Research also shows that students who read throughout the summer continue to grow academically. Students who do not read can lose up to three months of academic growth. It is important that all students continue to pursue this important academic skill. Wareham Public Schools encourages all students and their families to engage in reading together this summer by exploring books of all kinds for information and enjoyment.

This summer we are asking that our students read any book from the enclosed list at their grade level. Upon request a book can be provided to your child. We have included a note - taking sheet as one format for your child to keep track of the main ideas. Special focus for the note taking should be on the characterization of one of the book's main characters and/or the book's overall theme.

Characterization is the description of the book's characters. The description occurs in many ways. Writers use different techniques to create and develop a character...through physical descriptions, the character's thoughts, speech, or actions, the way others respond to the character, and direct comments on a character's personality.

Theme is a message about life or human nature communicated by a work.



During the first week of school, all students will complete an open response question based on the novel they read. Students will be allowed to use the notes they have taken to complete their open response. The open response will be calculated into students' first quarter ELA grade.

****Students are encouraged to read additional grade level books of their choice and take notes on them. ELA teachers will offer extra credit in the Fall for these notes. ****

