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Farmingdale Public Schools, Incoming Grades 7-12 Summer Reading 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Reading ability is a great indicator of future academic success in all subject areas; reading more books can help students to improve academically. It has been widely documented that students can experience a “slide” over the summer if their literacy skills are not developed in this time away from formal schooling. This “slide” can negatively affect the first months of school as students struggle to regain the skills they left with in June.

Students are encouraged to read as much as possible in preparation for the next school year. They should read what interests them, and they should plan on trying something new and challenging themselves. If they love to read about sports and current events, then reading the newspaper each day is great. Maybe a student has never read a biography; that would be a great opportunity to try something new. Maybe a student wants to get lost in the human experience and read a novel. It is crucial that young people exercise choice as they develop their reading lives. The summer is a great time to expand one’s reading opportunities.

We have worked diligently to develop each student’s love of reading this school year, and we have empowered our students to make good choices this summer. Please use this work as a starting point to encourage good reading habits over the summer break with your children. We require only that students read. Please check the Howitt Middle School or Farmingdale High School library pages for resources to help your children select a good book.

On behalf of the English Language Arts Department, I wish you and your family a safe and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,



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