

Dear Bedford and Coleytown Students,



Happy Summer! One thing that we hope you're all looking forward to as part of your summer relaxation time is finally getting to read all of those books that have been on your personal "must read" list. We teachers look forward to our summer reading and hope that you do, too. Upon your return to school, in your Language Arts classes, you will have opportunities to share your summer reading experience. Our only "requirement" is that you read **at least two books**, *but as always, the more you read, the better*. You can read whatever genre(s) you like, (realistic fiction, historical fiction, fantasy, dystopian, memoir, biography, informational nonfiction, etc.)

Just so that you remember the gist of what you read, you may want to jot some notes in a notebook...we recommend that you begin a new reader's notebook (a spiral notebook...nothing fancy), and then you can bring that notebook with you to Language Arts in the fall. In your notebook, feel free to use visuals / drawings to get your ideas down...it's up to you how you take notes. Below are some ideas about the kinds of information you might want to write down about your 2 books:

- **For fiction & narrative texts:**
 - Character information
 - Setting (time, place, situation / context)
 - Problems / conflicts
 - Main events
 - Themes
- **For informational texts:**
 - Main topic of book
 - Significant facts, numbers, statistics, or quotes that stood out to you
 - Connections you made
 - Author's purpose (why did the author write this book?)

We have collected resources for finding great books on the [Summer Reading website](#).

But remember, reading is a social activity, so ask your friends, relatives, teachers for suggestions. And read with them! See who you can read the same book as, create a mini-book club experience. Sit safely distanced at the beach and share reactions with one another. We promise, you will enjoy it!

We look forward to meeting each and every one of you next fall. So, rest up, have fun, and savour the time you have over the summer to read, read, read!

Sincerely,

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Language Arts Teachers