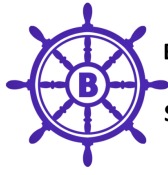


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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to announce that this year's summer reading book will kick off our One School One Book program. Each student was sent home a copy of the selection, *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds, today and it is theirs to keep! All students entering grades 6 - 8 are expected to read *Ghost* prior to the start of the school year. As part of our One School One Book program, students are encouraged to read *Ghost* with their families so our entire community can share in the experience of this book.

In the fall, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive reading. In class, students will explore the book through activities and discussion. You will want to make sure your family has read the book so that your child can be part of the fun. Throughout the fall, everyone will be talking about *Ghost*!

You can encourage your student's summer reading by inviting them to read a favorite passage to you whenever you have some down time –in the car, during meal prep, in the evening. That simple act of sharing the text can open up a discussion about why that passage resonates with your student, and it might just spark your curiosity to read the book, too.

You can even take this book as an opportunity to revive reading aloud in your home. While middle school students might be a little reluctant, the book they've received is so good, you both may be surprised by how stimulating and rewarding it is to share it together. You might rekindle those warm feelings from when you shared picture books years ago and find that sharing these more complex books is just as rewarding – for both of you.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it helps all students become more effective readers, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With this program, we aim to build a Community of Readers at our school. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrative staff – will all be sharing the experience of reading the same book. .

I know that you'll enjoy this special reading time with your children. I hope to talk with both you and your student sometime in the weeks to come about *Ghost*, his difficulties and misfortunes, and all the lessons we can learn from his experiences. "When a whole school reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." With your help, we can build a Community of Readers at our school.

Sincerely,

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and the Bourne Middle School ELA Teachers