

# Eugene A. Tighe Middle School

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Dear Margate Families,

The end of the school year is fast approaching! The summer break from school can be a great time for students and the adults in their lives to enjoy reading books together. There are many benefits to reading during this time away from the classroom. As educators, our goal for summer reading is to help your students foster a love of reading. This summer our ELA teachers have updated our required summer reading program.

Each incoming grade level will be assigned one book to read and a Google classroom to join prior to this school year ending. In that classroom, an assignment of that grade level teacher's choosing will be described in detail. Your student will have the summer to read the assigned book and complete the designated assignment. **The completed assignment will be used as a quiz grade to start the school year.** Other activities and discussions in the classroom will revolve around the assigned novel when the school year begins.

There are many different ways to access print, digital, or audio versions of your student's novel. The following are some helpful resources:

<https://www.margatelibrary.org/digital-library>

<https://www.amazon.com/>

<https://www.audible.com/>

<https://www.booksamillion.com/>

Our ELA department is excited about the novels we have chosen for our grade level. We hope that you will encourage your students to read over the summer months. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your specific student's teacher. Their email address should be in the Summer Reading Google Classroom. Best wishes to you and your family for a great summer break!

Tighe Middle School ELA Teachers

**5th grade:** *How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor

- Students will read the above novel and complete the slideshow found in their summer reading Google classroom by September 1, 2024.
- The completed slideshow will count as the first **quiz** grade of the first marking period.
- Ways to join the Google classroom:
  - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjgwMjg4MDI5MDY1?cjc=pxaw5jg>
  - OR you can enter the classroom code **pxaw5jg** to the "Incoming 5th Grade Summer Reading" classroom

**6th Grade:** *Holes* by Louis Sachar

- Students are to read the novel and complete the Google Form found in the "Classwork" tab of the incoming 6th grade summer reading Google Classroom due September 3rd.
- The Google Form will count as the first reading **quiz grade** of the first marking period. Late assignments will result in point deductions for each day it is not turned in.
- Your student must bring the copy of *Holes* to school the first week, as we will complete activities and lessons that correlate to the novel. We will also take a final test on the book in class.
- The link to join the Google Classroom is:  
<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjgyMDU4NTE5NTgx>
  - the class code is: **h67ddq6**

Any questions: email Mrs. Valencia at: [vvalencia@margateschools.org](mailto:vvalencia@margateschools.org)

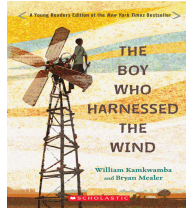
**7th Grade:** *The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

- Students are to read the above novel and complete the Google form found in their summer reading Google classroom by September 4, 2024.
- All work will count as the first **QUIZ** score of the first marking period.
- For the most part, the questions in the Google form go in order with the sequence of events of the novel so it may be best to complete the form as your child reads.
- Link to join the Google classroom (if not already joined):  
<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjUzMjE2MTMzNDE0?cjc=znghgci>

**8th grade:** *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba

- Students must read the narrative nonfiction listed above and complete the paper packet distributed to them in June, or the online packet available in Google Classroom.
- Link to join the Google Classroom:

- <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjgyMjkwNTkxMTYz> (students have already joined the Google Classroom).
- The completion of the packet will be graded as the first **Quiz** of the year.
- Due date: September 4, 2024



### **Various Grade Levels:**

- Mrs. Drexler's students have already received their information in the yellow envelopes.