Dear Middle School Students and Families:

Our number one goal is to encourage the love of reading so that students can cultivate their fluency, grow their vocabulary, and develop an eagerness to turn the page.

There is something for everyone in the summer reads our Teacher Librarian has assembled. **We encourage every Middle School student to choose three titles to complete before summer's end.** Families might even read alongside their children.

Upon our return to school, **students will be asked to share the titles of the books that they read and speak about the books in literary circles or discussion**. Classroom teachers will provide specific guidance in September. Reading over the summer will truly support writing growth, and our hope is that students will find stories that move them.

Please encourage your students to read a physical book. For readers that require a bit more motivation to pick up a text, try reading together as a family, incorporating audiobooks (along with actually following the words on the page), and perhaps considering the following activities:

- **Read aloud while outdoors**: A change of scenery can make a story truly come alive. Flashlights encouraged.
- **"Movie vs. Book" Bingo**: After you've read a text, watch the film version. Spot the differences! Earn points!
- **Create a Book Bracket** of the texts you've read. Vote on which is the winner of the summer.

Happy Summer!
The Middle School English Department