

# Suffield Middle School Summer Reading Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

## **WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL!**

We know that you are ready for the upcoming summer vacation. In order to keep your brain *thinking*, we encourage you to continue reading throughout the summer. Students who read daily improve their vocabulary, reading comprehension and rate of reading. In the fall, students who have been reading during the summer come back to school ready to learn and apply new skills.

In keeping with the reading and writing requirements of our Language Arts Department, we are offering reading selections and assessments that will promote the joy of reading and provide teachers with insight into student strengths. Throughout the summer we ask that you record each novel on the Governor's Reading Challenge log that will be included with your report card, or on the list that the sixth grade teacher will give you during their visit to McAlister in May. Please submit either list to your Language Arts teacher during the first week of school. ***One of your summer reading choices must be from the book list on the back of this letter. During the first week of school students will be required to respond to questions about the book they selected from the selected list.***

As the school year concludes, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer vacation and hope reading will become a part of your relaxation and pleasure.

Sincerely,

Diane Sperger, Language Arts Coordinator K-12

The Grade 6 Language Arts Team

### **DIRECTIONS**

- **List books that you have read on the Governor's Reading Challenge log or sixth grade teacher provided list.**
- **Read a minimum of one book from the list on the back of this letter.**
- **Be prepared to respond to questions about your selection upon returning to school – it would be beneficial to bring a copy of the book to school.**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Required Booklist

*Any Small Goodness*

**Tony Johnston**

*Babe and Me*

**Dan Gutman**

*The Boy Who Saved Baseball*

**John H. Ritter**

*For Freedom*

**Kimbery Brubaker Bradley**

*Half and Half*

**Lensey Namioka**

*Kensuke's Kingdom*

**Michael Morpurgo**

*Joshua's Song*

**Joan Hiatt Harlow**

*Gifts from the Sea*

**Natalie Kinsey-Warnock**

*Mysterious Matter of IM Fine*

**Diane Stanley**

*The School Story*

**Andrew Clements**

*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*

**Avi**

*Touching Spirit Bear*

**Ben Mikaelson**

*Thunder From the Sea*

**Joan Hiatt Harlow**

*The Warriors*

**Joseph Bruchac**