

Summer 2009

Welcome to Seventh Grade!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Summer vacation for children is a time to relax, spend time with family, go camping and engage in many other activities. It is important, however, to challenge the mind of your student continuously. Students who read daily throughout the summer improve their vocabulary, understanding and rate of reading. In August, students who have been reading during summer vacation come back to school ready to start where they left off.

Summer reading should be entertaining and there is a wonderful selection of books available at the Kent Memorial Library. The seventh grade Language Arts teachers have compiled an excellent list of books from the 2010 Nutmeg nominations that will appeal to middle school students and is included with the June report card. Mrs. Vincent, our media specialist, has also compiled a pamphlet listing book selections appropriate for middle school students.

The Suffield Board of Education has approved a required summer reading assignment for students entering grades six through eight. The expectation is that incoming seventh graders will read two books (three if accelerated) over the summer. One book may be self-selected and one (or two if accelerated) should be chosen from the **starred** 2010 Nutmeg Book Award Teen Nominees list which is attached. Please note that any of the other nominees can be chosen as one of your self-selected novels. When the students return to school in the fall, they will participate in an in-school writing assignment that will test their knowledge of literature based on the readings they did over the summer. Our goal is to have one hundred percent participation.

Have a safe and happy summer vacation.

Sincerely,

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7th grade titles are the “Teen” Nutmeg Book Award Nominees for 2010. For more information see this web site: <http://www.nutmegaward.org/>