Dear Rising Eighth Grade Student,

Reading is crucial to your continuing academic success and we believe that recreational reading enriches your personal life. Summer is a time to relax and experience books that you did not have time for during the busy school year. Although we hope that you will read with gusto many many books this summer, we request that each of you read a minimum of three books this summer of your choosing, including the classic/canon title that you picked out at the end of your 7th grade year. Please consult the Recommended Reading lists prepared by the MS Librarians or explore bookstores and libraries for great new titles and classics.

In addition, we also require that every student must also have finished reading Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger before the beginning of the new school year in preparation of in-depth discussion during English.

To sum up — you will need to read at least four books during the summer months. Please keep track of the books you read, and we will ask that you share your summer readings with us in the fall.

We wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you this fall!

Sincerely,

8th Grade English Teachers