

**SOUTHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students Entering Grades 7-8:

As the end of another school year approaches, we are asking your assistance in keeping your child connected to the learning process through the summer months.

Our faculty and public librarians have prepared summer reading lists. These lists offer a wide variety of reading experiences and reading levels to help your child self-select appropriate reading. Links to the Nutmeg Award Winning reading lists and suggestions from the Connecticut State Department of Education below, can assist you and your child in selecting books. While we recommend children try to read as much as they can over the summer, ***each child is expected to read a minimum of three (3) books representing a mixture of fiction and informational texts. We encourage reading informational articles, essays, newspapers and magazines as well.***

There are two reading responses to be completed by your child. The response form is available on the district website [www.southingtonschools.org](http://www.southingtonschools.org). When school begins, your child should be prepared to discuss his/her reading during Language Arts class. Please discuss the reading selections with your child to help develop his/her thoughts and ideas about reading in preparation for the new school year.

Please join the Southington Public Schools in providing the support and encouragement to make reading an integral part of your child’s life. If the reading your child chooses is not from one of the suggested reading lists, we ask you to guide him/her to an appropriate, age-level selection with proper content and language. All information about Summer Reading is available at both middle school offices throughout the summer and on the Southington Public Schools website [www.southingtonschools.org](http://www.southingtonschools.org).

**Please have your child bring a fiction book that they have read and would recommend to a peer**, **as well as the Writing About Reading form and Participation form to school**. Students will engage in a book talk with peers at the start of the year.

[www.**nutmeg**award.org](http://www.nutmegaward.org)

[www.sde.ct.gov/sde/ctread](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/ctread)

Have a wonderful, relaxing, imaginative summer!!

Sincerely,

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