

**CENTRAL TREE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Rutland, Massachusetts**

SEVENTH GRADE SUMMER READING

May 2009

Dear Parents of Incoming Seventh Graders:

In keeping with the district's philosophy of encouraging students to become lifelong learners, the language arts teachers here at Central Tree Middle School request that all students entering seventh grade in the fall take part in summer reading. The purpose of the summer reading assignment is two-fold. First of all, one of the best ways for a child to work on improving reading skills is to read, read, read - not only when in school, but independently as well. Summer is an important time for your child to do that. Secondly, having the students find authors and genres of books that appeal to them will be an important step in helping them to enjoy reading. Through the summer reading assignment, your child will be able to do just that, hopefully both through the books he or she chooses *and* through the ones which classmates recommend when we return to school in the fall.

Attached is a list of authors. Your child should read two books this summer that are written by the authors on this list (both books do *not* have to be by the same author). The choices should be ones that both **challenge** and **interest** your child and that he or she has **not previously read**. When finished reading the two books, he or she should choose his or her favorite one and write a clear and well-organized response to it. The review should include the title and author and three reasons he or she liked it, using relevant and specific details from the book to illustrate and support the reasons.

Upon returning to school, your child will be asked to share his or her book response, and the response will be credited toward his or her grade. Hopefully, with many recommendations of favorites from fellow students, all students will be well on their way to reading many books they'll enjoy next year!

Sincerely,

The Grade Seven Language Arts Teachers

**Central Tree Middle School
Grade 7 Summer Reading List Authors– 2009**

Avi
Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
Ann Brashares
Andrew Clements
Sharon Creech
Diane Duane
Nancy Farmer
John Flanagan
Paula Fox
Patricia Reilly Giff
Virginia Hamilton
Karen Hesse
Carl Hiaasen
Erin Hunter
Brian Jacques
Cynthia Kadohata
Madeleine L'Engle
Gail Carson Levine
C.S. Lewis

Lois Lowry
Ben Mikaelson
Jane Yolen
Walter Dean Myers
Cynthia Voight
Philip Pullman
Scott O'Dell
J.K. Rowling
Gary Paulsen
Jerry Spinelli
Ellen Raskin
Katherine Paterson
Mildred Taylor
J.R.R. Tolkien
Rick Riordan
Angie Sage
Jonathan Stroud

**Central Tree Middle School
Grade Seven Summer Reading**

My child _____ has read the following books to fulfill the summer reading requirement:

1. _____
2. _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____