



## Farmingdale Public School

To the families of incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders,

Our students have worked very hard and are leaving school this year as better readers, writers, and researchers. Summer is a great time to read to your children and it is also a wonderful time for students to read for pleasure. Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. All children may fall victim to the "summer slide" if not provided with summer reading opportunities. For this summer's reading assignments we have asked students to choose **2** books to read from our classroom libraries.

### **Assignment:**

We have assigned 16 appropriate reading entries (8 from each book). Our students are very familiar with our expectations of reading response entries. We have attached Reading Response Choices that students can choose from to create their entries. Also attached is the rubric by which they will be scored. Students must choose a variety of responses from the 20 choices given.

### **Entries can be:**

- In a reading composition notebook
- Typed up and stapled together
- Neatly hand-written and placed in a binder
- Be creative!

### **Book Talk**

In September students will be asked to complete a book talk about one of the books they have read. A book talk is a short spoken presentation that offers the audience enough information to make them want to read a book. We have attached "How to Rock a Book Talk." In addition, we have modeled book talks.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read, and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate academic growth.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Educationally yours,

Middle School Teachers