Dear Parent / Guardian:

Few things are better than relaxing on a summer day with a good book. Research overwhelmingly shows that reading over the summer break is essential to maintaining and improving a student’s literacy levels.

With that in mind, we’d like to remind you of Everett Public Schools Summer Reading Program and the opportunities available to your student.

Included in this brochure you will find the required 6th grade reading list and recommended list for 7th and 8th grade. We firmly believe that given free choice in reading, students will choose books they love to read, will read more, and will step up to academic challenges. In 6th grade, we ask students to read *Wonder*, or the selected books on the list with similar themes because we value students entering middle school with a shared reading experience.

Each time your student finishes a book (our expectation is that they finish at least one), they should take an Accelerated Reader (AR) test for that book. They can link to AR tests on any connected device by visiting their school’s district website. Students will be eligible for rewards after reading and passing AR tests for two books, three books, and more than three books.

The district has partnered with our local public libraries to ensure that copies of our recommended books will be readily available both in print and in digital format.

We hope that your summer is full of joy and great reads!

Everett Middle School Librarians

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**Step one:**

6th grade—read one book from the list, and 7th and 8th grade read one age appropriate book of your choice. When you have completed the book, take an AR test.

**Step two:**

Keep reading! Read widely and read for fun. When you have completed a book, take an AR test to qualify for prizes.

**Directions to Access AR**

Between July 1, 2019 and August 31, 2019 go to [https://rdiweb.everett.k12.wa.us/](https://rdiweb.everett.k12.wa.us/) to take an Accelerated Reader (AR) test. Log in with your six digit student ID number and the same password you use at school. AR tests can be taken anywhere you have internet access.

**Reading Incentives**

It is required for students to read one book. Students will receive rewards for reading two books, three books, and more than three books. An AR test must be completed for each book read.

**Two books**—Name entered into a drawing for a variety of $25 gift cards and recognition at a school assembly.

**Three books**—Name entered into a drawing for a variety of $25 gift cards, recognition at a school assembly, and your name published in *The Daily Herald*.

**More than three books**—All of the above plus your name entered into a drawing for a Kindle Tablet.

Schools with a 75% participation rate will be presented with a banner at a school board meeting in October.
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Wonder is the required book for grade 6. Wonder books will be available to check out from your elementary library in June. You may return the book to the elementary library or your middle school library.

You may read one of the following books if you have already read Wonder.

El Deafo by Cee Bell
Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That takes superpowers.

Ghost by Jason Reynolds
Running. That’s all Ghost has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons— until he starts running away from his father, and, when Ghost was a baby, his father through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them.

Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart
Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Dunkin Dorfman is dealing with bipolar disorder so easy when you look like a boy. Dunkin Dorfman is dealing with bipolar disorder.

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy was a rare jellyfish sting. Retreats into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory—even if it means traveling the globe, alone.

Further Recommendations by Grade Level

Eisenhower
Select Summer Reading: https://www.everettud.org/

Evergreen
Select Summer Reading: https://www.everettud.org/domain/1920

Gateway
Follow our library Instagram @gatewaylibrary or visit the Gwy library website: https://www.everettud.org

Heatherwood
Select Summer Reading: https://www.everettud.org/

North
Select Summer Reading: https://www.everettud.org/department/1922/calendar/20600/20200622/month

These selections range in reading ability and cover a wide variety of topics. However, all titles are rated age appropriate, which is considered “appropriate” reading material varies greatly from one family to another. We ask you to remain aware of the books your child has chosen for independent reading and assist in gauging appropriateness.

*Titles marked with an asterisk contain some mature themes. These titles may include language, violence, and/or brief mention or reference to a sexual situation.

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