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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The Dunellen Public School Summer Reading Program requires that students must complete one student choice novel from the enclosed list. Students are required to read one fiction book.

The Dunellen Library should have available copies of each novel to check out. While reading, students will use the graphic organizer to take notes of the characters' traits throughout the novel. **On the first full day of school, students will bring their notes and should be prepared to complete an in-class assignment illustrating their understanding of the summer novel.**

An in-class google slides project will be completed during the first week and a half of school using the note taking chart. If students don't complete summer reading, they will start at a 75% and be given an alternative assignment that focuses on the same concepts.

We hope that through our summer reading program, students will grow in their enjoyment of reading and will apply their analytic literary skills.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 732-400-5900 ext.4300. Thank you for your assistance in our partnership to educate the students of Dunellen.

Yours truly,



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Note Taking Chart

Complete the table below. As you read, record **5** main and secondary characters names as well as a trait that they possess. Use evidence to support or prove that the character has this trait. Be prepared to explain both the character traits and evidence through an **in-class project** upon returning to school in September.

Character	Trait	Evidence with page numbers

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Incoming 6th Grade: (Choose ONE book from list below)

FICTION

The City of Ember [The first of a four-book series.] –

Duprau, Jeanne

ALA Notable Children's Books 2004

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Flush –

Hiaasen, Carl

ALA Notable Children's Books 2006

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

A Swiftly Tilting Planet –

L'engle, Madeline

The youngest of the Murry children must travel through time and space in a battle against an evil dictator who would destroy the entire universe.

The Big Field –

Lupica, Mike

When fourteen-year-old baseball player Hutch feels threatened by the arrival of a new teammate named Darryl, he tries to work through his insecurities about both Darryl and his remote and silent father, who was once a great ballplayer too.

Becoming Naomi Leon –

Ryan, Pam Munoz

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.