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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.

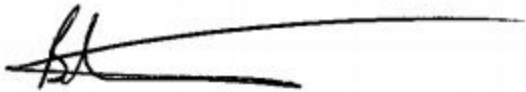
The Dunellen Library should have available copies of each novel to check out. While reading, students will use the graphic organizer to take notes of the characters' traits throughout the novel. **On the first full day of school, students will bring their notes and should be prepared to complete an in-class 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 8th Grade: (Choose ONE book from list below)

FICTION

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (copies available)

Mildred D. Taylor

In the deep south of the 1930s and early 40s, Cassie Logan and her family are confronted with the ugly faces of racial hatred and violence. But no matter how others may try to degrade them, the Logans stand together and stand proud, proving that courage, love, and understanding can defy even the deepest prejudice.

That Summer –

Dessen, Sara

During the summer of her divorced father's remarriage and her sister's wedding, fifteen-year-old Haven comes into her own by letting go of the myths of the past.

Swallowing Stones –

McDonald, Joyce

ALA Notable Children's Books 1998

Dual perspectives reveal the aftermath of seventeen-year-old Michael MacKenzie's birthday celebration during which he discharges an antique Winchester rifle and unknowingly kills the father of high school classmate Jenna Ward.

Everlost [first book of the popular Skinjacker series] –

Shusterman, Neal

When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where, although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.

Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree –

Tarshis, Lauren

A quirky and utterly logical seventh-grade girl named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.

Uglies [first book of a series]

Westerfeld, Scott

Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.