

SUMMER READING



Dear Barker Road Middle School Students and Parents:

The Library and English departments of Barker Road would like to offer families of **rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders** the opportunity to participate in a voluntary summer reading program. The purpose of this program is to encourage and facilitate reading throughout the summer months. We encourage parents to share your reading experiences and discuss reading selections with your child. Sharing the act of reading with your child can be a powerful tool in developing a lifelong appreciation of the written word.

Our collective experience, documented by research, demonstrates that voluntary reading is the best predictor of increased reading comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling ability, grammatical usage, and writing style. It follows that a major goal of education at Barker Road is to ensure that children engage in challenging recreational reading.

It is our hope that our students will substitute a portion of their screen time with recreational reading. In doing so, we are giving students a chance to nurture an activity that will give them a lifetime of enjoyment. It is during these adolescent years that lifelong reading habits are formed.

On the **BRMS Library webpage**, you will find a link for **Summer Reading** which will assist you in your search for books including websites, a list of authors, and the library's "sizzling reads" list. Any of these resources would be a wonderful starting point to find that perfect book for the summer. A Summer Reading Log is also provided for your child to record his/her/their reading. Each time your child reads a book this summer, whether it is from our recommended list or one of his/her/their own choice, please fill out the reading log accordingly. ***Those who return a Summer Reading Log will be entered into a raffle for prizes provided by Student Council and PTSA.***

Thank you for doing your part to create a rich, literary culture at Barker Road Middle School. We wish you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer of reading!

Sincerely,

The Library and English Departments of Barker Road Middle School