



# Hille Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This summer once again, all Hille Middle School students will be required to choose and read one book from our list below.

Many of our students are avid readers. Realistically, however, many students have busy summer schedules and don't read over the summer at all. We are asking you to monitor your child's reading progress and encourage him/her to complete one of the books listed.

**Students entering 6th grade may choose:**

*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliet  
*Crash* by Jerry Spinelli

**Students entering 7th grade may choose:**

*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick  
*The Schwa Was Here* by Neal Shusterman

**Students entering 8th grade may choose:**

*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowery

The student should complete an Independent Reading Guide, a copy of which is included with this letter as he/she reads and should also be signed by both the student and a parent/guardian. Additional copies can be downloaded from our district website. Please make sure your student brings this completed Reading Form on the first day of school as it will be collected and checked in by the English teachers.

There are several ways for you and your student to obtain copies of these summer-reading books. You may purchase on your own at local bookstores or check the local libraries or check with friends. If you encounter problems in securing a copy of any title, please feel free to contact the main office.

In the fall, students will be asked to demonstrate their comprehension in writing and to share their ideas with their new classmates. Thank you for helping your student(s) accomplish his/her summer reading goals. If you have any questions regarding our summer reading program, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Hille Middle School  
Literature/Language Arts Teachers