**Pierce Middle School**

**Summer Reading**

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The philosophy of the Pierce Middle School in regards to Summer Reading is to guide students to read for pleasure and enjoyment. We feel continuous reading not only fosters an important life skill, but ensures and enhances the academic transition to the next school year.

At Pierce we hope to create a learning community where all students develop the skills to work productively as a group of learners, supporting one another, recognizing and celebrating our unique differences. As part of our proactive stance to create productive citizens, we would like to utilize our summer reading program as a teaching opportunity to promote discussion and awareness around social conflicts that can occur during adolescence. The English Department has selected book titles that showcase issues around teasing, bullying, acceptance and the hard choices that students are faced with in the middle school years and beyond.

**Requirements:** Students must read a total of four books; three free choice books and 1 required text.

**Grade 6 (choose 1)**

The Breadwinner, Ellis

Home of the Brave, Applegate

A Long Walk to Water, Park

**Grade 7 (choose 1)**

Misfits, Howe

The Revealers, Wilhelm

Anything But Typical, Raleigh- Baskin

**Grade 8 (choose 1)**

\*Divergent, Roth

Buddha Boy, Koja

Stargirl, Spinelli

Mockingbird, Erskine

*\*Some mature themes, parents please note.*

* Attached you will find a book reflection sheet for the required text and a reading log to record total number of books read.
* All forms and summer work will be posted on the PMS Edline page and the Milton homepage.
* For every book read beyond our four book expectation, students will be entered into a raffle for some fantastic prizes. The more books read, the better the chances of winning!