



## SHAMONG TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Students,

One of our district's primary goals is to develop lifelong readers and learners. For this reason, we are giving students the opportunity to select their summer reading novel from a list of possible choices. Each student entering middle school is required to read at least one book from his or her grade level's summer reading list. The students should read this book for enjoyment while keeping the guiding questions listed below in mind. We hope that every student will read more than one book this summer.

There is a written requirement during the summer. The answers to the questions should be typed or written and returned with the students in the fall.

Thank you for encouraging your child's reading. We look forward to building on the foundation you have helped us establish during the summer.

Have a terrific summer!

*Mr. Carroll*

### Step 1: Pick a book, or books.

#### Entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Hoot, Flush, Scat or Chomp, Carl Hiassen  
Swindle, Showoff, Framed, or Zoobreak,  
Gordon Korman  
Hank Zipzer collection, Henry Winkler

#### Entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

The Bat Boy, Mike Lupica  
Small Steps, Louis Sachar  
The Maze Runner, James Dashner  
Smiles to Go or Stargirl, Jerry Spinelli  
My Thirteenth Winter, A Memoir by Samantha  
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### Step 2: As you read the book you selected, keep these questions in mind. Write your answers to these questions and bring them to school during the first week back in September.

1. What are two major themes (messages) of this book? For example: friendship, loyalty, love
2. Who was your favorite character? What did you appreciate about him/her?
3. What was the most memorable scenes from the novel?
4. Are any of the events in the book relevant to your own life? to a novel ? to a movie? Choose one and explain.
5. Was the story believable? Were the characters believable? Give examples of why or why not.
6. What conflicts (problems) did the characters face? Were these problems resolved?