



SHAMONG TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Students

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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 below 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 7th Grade:

The Compound, S.A. Bodeen
Stepping on the Cracks, Mary Downing Hahn
Willow Run, Patricia Reilly Giff
Bridge to America: Based on a True Story, Linda Glaser
Nory Ryan's Song, Patricia Reilly Giff

Entering 8th Grade:

Uglies, Scott Westerfield
Found, Margaret Peterson Haddix
Life As We Knew It, Susan Beth Pfeffer
Peak by Roland Smith

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 some of the major themes (messages) of this book?
2. Who was your favorite character? What did you appreciate about him/her?
3. What are 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?
5. What did you think of the style of the writer?
6. Was the story believable? Were the characters believable?
7. What conflicts (problems) did the characters face? Were these problems resolved?
8. Did you find any flaws in the book?