



BOYERTOWN AREA MIDDLE SCHOOLS
East
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

West
Boyertown, PA 19512

Dear Parents/Guardians of Incoming Grades 6 and 7 Learning Support ELA Students,

Welcome to Middle School! We are excited to have your student join us! We have received some questions about the summer reading requirement and would like to clarify.

The main goal of the summer reading requirement is to have students read. 😊 If your student is interested in a book from the district-issued list, he/she can choose from there, but it is not required. It is fine if your student would prefer to read a book that is not on the list. We want the student to *enjoy* the book and to be *excited* about reading it! If you would like other book suggestions, we have included a few titles at the bottom of this letter. Again, please note that your student is free to choose any book to read this summer.

While reading, all students are encouraged to take brief notes, which they should bring to school in the fall. Students will be completing a writing assignment about the book in ELA, giving the teacher an opportunity to see the students' writing skills at the beginning of the year.

One other consideration: If your student is participating in PAWS this summer, the teachers lead the students through the reading of Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson. This book is on the district-issued list and obviously would satisfy the reading requirement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the teacher below:

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West: Ms. Kim Warren at kwarren@boyertownasd.org

Sincerely,

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Principal, MS West

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OTHER POSSIBLE TITLES FOR INCOMING LS ELA SIXTH GRADERS:

- ***Sunny Side Up*** – Jennifer Holm (Lexile 240)
- ***The Titan's Curse*** – Rick Riordan (Lexile 370)
- ***Smile*** – Raina Telgemeier (Lexile 410)
- ***They Cage the Animals at Night*** – Jennings Burch (Lexile 450)
- ***Crash*** – Jerry Spinelli (Lexile 560)
- ***Al Capone Does My Shirts*** – Gennifer Choldenko (Lexile 600)

